

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi launched

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN) in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh and to be part of same for launching this scheme in Goa State, the Department of Agriculture, Government of Goa has organised programme at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao. Minister for Agriculture and Town and country planning Shri Vijay Sardesai was the Chief guest. Other dignitaries present on the dais were Director of Agriculture Shri Madhav Kelkar, Dy. Director of Agriculture, Shri Nevil Alfonso, South Goa District Manager for NABARD Shri Sushil Naik and Managing Director of Goa State Horticulture Corporation Shri Sandeep Prabhudesai.

While launching the PM- Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme to the State of Goa, Shri Vijay Sardesai expressed his happiness and lauded the Prime Minister for introducing such a scheme for farmer's welfare. Under this Scheme Rs.6000/- per year will be given to small and marginal farmers having cultivable land up to 2 hectares. This financial assistance will be distributed in three installments i.e. Rs.2000/- each and directly transferred to bank account. This scheme will provide assured income support to small and marginal farmers and its aims to supplement the financial needs of the farmers in procuring various inputs to ensure proper crop health and appropriate yields, commensurate with the anticipated farm income. Approximately 16 to 17 thousand Goans will be benefited through this scheme he added.

Speaking further Shri Sardesai said we need to start organic farming in the State. There are different schemes to support organic farming and same required awareness. Hence Government is already on path of arranging technical workshop which will give full information to farmers regarding organic farming and its supportive schemes. Government is ready to start new scheme which will give benefit farmers. He urged the gathered farmers to come up with suggestion or recommendation on any welfare scheme so that Government may introduce the same. He also referred to Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) in Odisha and

Rythu Bandhu scheme in Telangana. Being in Government his aim is to take Farmers forward. He concluded.

Shri Chandrahas Desai, Zonal Agriculture Officer, Canancona compared the function where as Shri Nevil Alfonso proposed vote of thanks.