

## PERSPECTIVE PLAN: AGRICULTURE

Tripura is a small hilly & land locked state in the North - Eastern Region of India with poor communication facilities. In fact, we are literally at the " receiving end" of the transportation



system and are agrarian and more than 70% of the population depends on agriculture for their livelihood. The geographical area of the state is 10,49,169 hectares of which 60% is high land. The ever-increasing population in the State has posed a serious threat to agriculture scenario in the years to come. The economy of the State mainly depends on agriculture. Small and marginal farmers constitute about 90 % of total

farming community of the State.

The population of Tripura has been increased from 27.57 Lakhs in 1991 to 31.91 lakhs as per 2001 Census registering a population density of 304 per sq. km. There is hardly any scope of

getting additional land for cultivation of food crops. At present there is a gap between actual production and requirement of foodgrains in the state. The annual requirement of food grains by 2010 AD will be 8.22 Lakh MT.



### Perspective Plan:

In this background, the State Government of Tripura has formulated a **10-Year Perspective Plan** for achieving self -sufficiency in foodgrains ( 2000-2010), the implementation of which has already been going on . The Plan is being implemented with the twin objectives of achieving self-sufficiency in foodgrains and food as well as improving the economic condition of the farming community.

Following strategies have been adopted in achieving self-sufficiency in food grains by 2010: -



- ❖ Enhancing cropping intensity.
- ❖ Seed replacement
- ❖ Varietal replacement
- ❖ Enhancing consumption of balanced plant nutrients.
- ❖ Incorporating bio-fertilizer in conjunction with inorganic fertilizers.

- ❖ Integrated pest management.
- ❖ Increasing irrigation potential
- ❖ Research support.
- ❖ Adequate farm power.
- ❖ Adequate credit support.
- ❖ Efficient extension support.
- ❖ Ensuring peoples participation.



### Production of Food grains

(in Lakh Tons )

Year	Foodgrains production	Gap
1999-2000 (before Perspective Plan)	5.13	2.98
2000-01	5.58	1.64
2001-02	5.97	1.36
2002-03	5.98	1.46
2003-04	6.25	1.30
2004-05	6.12	1.54
2005-06	6.14	1.63
2006-07	6.30	1.58

\*Provisional

