

## **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<br>(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

