

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG

Press Communiqué

Shillong, April 30, 2026: Shri Ramnath Thakur, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, visited Lok Bhavan today and called on the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya Shri C.H.Vijayashankar. The meeting was also attended by Shri H.C.Chaudhary, Additional Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor. The Hon'ble Governor and the Hon'ble Union Minister discussed the importance of effective implementation of centrally sponsored schemes in the agriculture and timely utilization of allocated funds, and ensuring that schemes reach the intended beneficiaries on priority. The Hon'ble Governor underscored the need to leverage available resources to their fullest potential for enhancing agricultural productivity, strengthening farmer welfare, and promoting sustainable development in the State.

Later a meeting was held at Lok Bhavan by Shri Ramnath Thakur, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, along with Shri Timothy D. Shira, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of Meghalaya with the Director of ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Heads of Departments, the Director of Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Umiam, representatives from the Central Potato Research Station, Upper Shillong, and officials from various State line departments.

The Hon'ble Union Minister shared the views of the Hon'ble Governor, emphasizing the need for timely and effective utilization of funds under centrally sponsored schemes. He stressed that prioritizing implementation and ensuring optimal use of resources are essential to maximize benefits for farmers and strengthen the agricultural sector. He also appreciated the efforts of the State Government and research institutions in advancing agricultural initiatives in the region. He encouraged continued coordination among Central and State agencies, research bodies, and extension institutions to address local challenges and harness the agricultural potential of Meghalaya for inclusive growth and prosperity.



