

9th NEC Sectoral Summit on Agriculture and Allied Sectors in North Eastern Region held at NERIWALM, Tezpur, Assam from 11-13, September, 2008

Ministry of DoNER organized 9th NEC Sectoral Summit on Agriculture and Allied Sectors in North Eastern Region at NERIWALM, Tezpur, Assam from 11-13 September, 2008, in collaboration with the North Eastern Council, Shillong and North Eastern Regional Institute of Water and Land Management (NERIWALM), Tezpur, Assam. The first two days of the Summit were devoted to the official level technical deliberations. All the major stakeholders namely, Ministry of DoNER, Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperation, concerned Central PSUs, National Bamboo Mission, Horticulture Mission, ICAR, National Seeds Corporation of India, APEDA, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Farming, NEDFi, NABARD and eight North Eastern States, numbering 100 participants, were represented in the Summit.

2. The main business Session of the Summit was inaugurated on 13th Sept., 2008 by H.E. General (Retd) J.J. Singh, Governor of Arunachal Pradesh. The final day of the Summit was attended by Ministers from the Govts. of Assam, Nagaland and Sikkim. During the Summit, issues relating to agriculture and allied sectors in the North Eastern Region including the areas of concern, the status of the Central and State Sector Schemes, the needs and the performance of the eight NE States were comprehensively discussed.

3. In his keynote address, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh emphasized the need of undertaking the floriculture, multiple cropping, animal husbandry, dairying, bee-keeping, fisheries, horticulture, poultry and cash crop cultivation. Issues of surplus of horticulture produces, agro-processing industry and transporting the same for sending it to other parts of the country and abroad were also highlighted. A Core Committee with Director, NERIWALM as the Coordinator was constituted to enlist the issues and prepare a way-forward.
