

# ACTIVITIES OF WBSAMB

West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board is a Statutory Body under Agricultural Marketing Department Govt. of West Bengal. It has been constituted u/s 36(1) of the West Bengal Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act. 1972. As per Section 36 C(1) of the aforesaid Act, the main activity of Board is superintendence and monitoring of activities of different RMCs of the State. At present there are 22 RMCs in the State. Board is continuously supervising the activities of the those RMCs under the provisions of the aforesaid Act.

Besides the Board provide assistance to the RMCs of the State for creation of better marketing infrastructure under various schematic and other funds. West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board has been performing construction/ repair works relating to development works being entrusted by Govt. Department as implementing agency for executing such type of works.

## **ACTIVITIES: EXECUTION OF SCHEMES AS APPROVED BY THE GOVT.**

- ✓ Monitoring and supervision of the activities of RMCs/ZRMCs
- ✓ Accordingly review meeting with RMCs and other meeting for supervising and monitoring of development works in the districts & visit/ inspection of RMCs are held on regular basis.
- ✓ Construction of market complex at different RMCs.
- ✓ Construction/ repair of market link road/ internal road for facilitating the market users.
- ✓ Construction of godown and truck parking in different RMCs.
- ✓ Infrastructure Development by Renovation of Agricultural Farms & Research Station in different districts.
- ✓ Migration activities from offline to online system integrated platform (e-permit) system.
- ✓ Implementation of e-National Agricultural Market for marketing of agricultural commodities by way of e-trading.
- ✓ Providing several training programme at NSTIAM, which is a training Institute running under the supervision of West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board. The Institute conduct the following training in every year on regular basis:
  - ✓ Entrepreneurship development and post harvest management training to the rural youth for encouraging rural agri-business and generation of self employment.
  - ✓ Post Harvest Training for the members of SPG, FPO & FPC.
  - ✓ Different training for the officials of RMCs and Directorate of Agricultural Marketing.

# ACHIEVEMENTS OF WBSAMB

## PRESENT ACTIVITIES WITH PROGRESS:

✓ The main activity of Board is superintendence and monitoring of different activities of all Regulated Market Committees (RMCs) of the State. At present there are 22 RMCs in the State, Board is continuously supervising the activities of those RMCs under the provisions of West Bengal Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1972.

✓ The Board as per guideline of the Agricultural Marketing Department provides assistance to the RMCs of the State for creation of better marketing infrastructure. Besides, the Board is executing construction/repair/renovation of market link road, development of market infrastructure being entrusted by Agricultural Marketing Department as Administrative Department and other Departments like Agriculture Department, Animal Resource Development as implementing agency for executing such type of works..

✓ During the last three financial years, the Board has taken up nearly 500 schemes for construction of market link roads, auction platforms, godowns, stalls, internal road, shop cum godown, boundary wall, electrification, sewerage, truck parking area, approach road, open platform etc. with a total cost involvement of Rs. 350.00 Crore (Approx) under Core Sector Budget, RKVY, RIDF.

✓ Being entrusted by Agriculture Department the Board, has taken up “Infrastructure Development by Renovation of Agricultural Farms & Research Station at 20 sites under RIDF-XXI”. Cost involvement of the works is Rs. 173.62 Crore. Works are almost completed.

All the above mentioned works are being implemented by this organization after observance of e-Tender formalities and norms and guidelines of Finance Department, Government of West Bengal.

✓ Best efforts are being given by the Board to make 186 Krishak Bazars (executed value of which is approximately is Rs. 1100.00 crore functional with market sitting and/or paddy procurement or by alternative arrangement viz. activities of self help group & shifting of Government offices in Krishak Bazar etc.

✓ Another remarkable scheme ‘Migration activities from offline to online system integrated platform (e-permit) system’ which was launched on 1st September, 2018.

Different PM Yard/SM Yard of RMCs including offices are connected through online using this system. Now-a-days RMCs are collecting market fees, issuing licenses, renews licenses using this system.

✓ Implementation of e-NAM project in 18 Agri Markets in West Bengal.

✓ WBSAMB has set up Dinjata Krishi Hospital at Dinjata in the district of Coochbehar.

## NEW INITIATIVES

✓ Construction of full fledged Green Chilli Market at Paniparul, Egra in the district of Purba Medinipur comprising sorting, grading unit, packaging area, loading unloading area, truck parking is in full progress. This is the first commodity based market in the State and will help the farmers, stakeholder for which has a huge market outside the State as well as abroad.

✓ Construction of Organic Hat at Rajarhat, near New Town have been taken up for awareness of farming organic vegetables.

✓ 101 markets (SMY/Rural Market) within the RMC areas have been selected for up-gradation into Gramin Agricultural Markets by way of creation of better infrastructure to extend facilities to the stakeholders like water, canteen, toilets and tree cover etc. at an estimated cost around Rs. 300.00 crore.

✓ NABCON has been entrusted for surveying 164 markets for identifying critical gaps and preparation of database.

✓ CII has been awarded the work of survey and assessment for optimizing efficiency and maximizing utilisation of agri-infrastructure at Krishak Bazars in West Bengal. Recommendations have been received and actions are in active consideration. .

## ✓ **NETAJI SUBHAS TRAINING INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETING**

Achievement of Netaji Subhas Training Institute of Agricultural Marketing		
#	Training Programmes	Trainees participated (Numbers)
1.	Farm family youths	140
2.	SHGs	169
3.	Block Level Outreach training programme	1270
4.	Ex-trainees	52
5.	e-NAM	204
6.	Computer training to officials	172
7.	Training of trainers	46
8.	NIAM training	40
9.	Workshop	248
	TOTAL	2341

## FUTURE PLAN

✓ Facility of drinking water & toilet in all market yards will be provided.

✓ 36 digital large format display units have been procured through GeM portal for publicity, awareness and dissemination on e-NAM operation and will be distributed shortly to e-NAM markets.

- ✓ Solid waste management units are being set up in every market on bio waste.
- ✓ Introduction of Solar panel in every market for decreasing energy consumption.
- ✓ Install CC TV surveillance for PMYs, SMYs, RMCs and Board Office.
- ✓ Organisation of at least 54 e-NAM related awareness camp. .

#### PROPOSED INITIATIVES

- ✓ Improvement of existing cattle markets and excavation of water body for drinking water of cattle, fire fighting arrangement to be provided in the related markets where sufficient space is available.
- ✓ Association of more market with e-NAM. More markets will be associated in e-NAM within next Financial Years.
- ✓ Strengthening of Staff structures of RMCs and providence of manpower as approved by the Board.
- ✓ Initiations for issue of single point license/market fee has been considered in terms of mandate of West Bengal Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) (Amendment) Act 2014/2017 and West Bengal Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules 2019.
- ✓ Provision of basic requirement viz. sanitation, drainage, drinking etc. to all markets, managed by RMCs including markets under self/local Government.