

SUCCESS STORIES OF FARMERS IN MEGHALAYA

1. Story of Shri. Morningstar War:

Shri. Morning War, 62 years of age, a Retd. Govt. Driver, hailing from a village Lawsohtun, which is about 5 kilometers from Shillong. He has a plot of land not less than 2 (two) hectares and his hobby is to grow flowers right from his childhood. He always concentrated mostly on Indigenous Orchids Collection and has good varieties of them. He along with his wife took keen interest in this field where they would spend more than 3 hours a day attending to their care. Being a “Lover of flowers” and as time passes by, after retiring from his service he was able to expand more and more area in his interest.

Apart from all these and because of his hard work and dedication he always took keen interest in approaching the Department every now and then for Technical Guidance and Incentives. Later, with the launching of Technology Mission Scheme in the State, Shri. Morning War has received some assistance from the Department. First of all, the Department has helped him by giving one roll Shade Net and 50 nos. of Cymbidium Hybrid. The second assistance he received is the Installation of Green House of (50 sq.mt) and 250 nos. of Cymbidium Orchids. Because of his success in this field, the Department has also open ways where he was selected to attend two trainings outside the state; one in Sikkim for “Orchid Cultivation” and the other in Pune on “Green House Management” and cultivation of Rose/Carnation/Gerbera. The third assistance that he received from the Department is another Green House of 50 sq.mt along with the planting materials of Gerbera and Carnation. It was with the help and the assistance from the Technology Mission that he has been able to broaden his activities. With the proper technical guidance which he received he has been able to master and take care of his flowers. Later, the Department has rendered assistance to him by installation of Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation, Vermi-Compost Unit and Tube Well.



Seeing the potential of the floriculture trade in general and cut- flowers in particular, he has increased his cultivation by clinching more steps of expanding his green house by installation of a Hi-Tech Green House of 200 sq.mt along with the planting materials thus enlarging his flower nursery as a bigger set up and as a result more flowers were raised

and sold to his valued customers and flower lovers. This has enhance his activities where he was able to market cut flowers without any difficulty, by earning more than 1(one) lac Rupees only from the sale of cut-flowers annually.

The story of Shri. Morning War commendable success through the implementation of Technology Mission which is a clear example of the effectiveness of the scheme provided the farmers take keen interest and work hard in improving their livelihood, as Bah Morning War narrated and praised ***“The Department has helped in shaping my life and has paved the way to success”***.

2. Floriculture Success Story of Shri. Genister Warlarpih

There has been quite a revolution in floriculture in Sohryngkham, a village in the East Khasi Hills, district of Meghalaya. Shri Genister Warlarpih a resident of this village is one such example and his achievement is commendable. Shri Genister a local trader use to support his family with an earning of Rs 4000/- per month, being a person who loves flowers he also use to grow various seasonal flowers and since he possess entrepreneurial skills he was able to generate some income by selling potted flowers seasonally. Seeing the potentiality of floriculture business he was eager to improve his skills, he took the initiative to approach the department for technical guidance. He was advised to take up cut flower production and through the Technology Mission he was given assistance for constructing poly house for cultivation of gerbera in addition to various other inputs like vermi-compost unit, shade net, drip irrigation, etc.



Shri Genister Warlarpih in his floriculture unit

Being a hard worker and with determination to improve his livelihood he got to work with full dedication. He is now able to garner an additional income of another Rs. 4000/- monthly from the sale of his flowers, thereby increasing his total monthly income to Rs. 8000/-. This has given him inspiration to expand his floriculture business and now wants

to diversify to rose cultivation, with a vision to pass on the business to his sons. He has become an example in his village and others are also inspired seeing his success.

3.Shri Tapan Sangma's success story:

Shri.Tapan Sangma,resident of Walbakre in the outskirts of Tura,West Garo Hills,was a labourer who supported his family with only his meager daily wage.During the year 2004,he was approached by the then District Horticulture Officer,Tura who offered assistance through Technology Mission on Horticulture Scheme to grow vegetable in his plot of land. Firstly, he started with cole crops viz.cabbage etc.Later he expanded to Legumes, Raddish, Brinjal,Ladies' finger and Tomato.His success in vegetable cultivation accompanied with high return of income encouraged him to expand more. Seeing his hard work and dedication, the office of the District Horticulture Officer, under the present DHO extended more support to him in terms of assistance Viz.Pumset, Powertiller,vermi-compost unit,low cost polyhouse , vegetable seeds etc.

Statement of income generated(Rabi crop) as on 25th February 2010:

Sl.No.	Vegetable	Plant No.	Return(Rs)
1.	Cabbage	18,000	Rs.22,000/-
2.	Broccoli	5500	Rs.42.000/-
3.	Cauliflower	3,500	Rs.40,000/-
4.	Knol-khol	12000	Rs.15,000/-
5.	Lettuce	5,000	Rs.5,000/-
6.	Raddish	8,000	Rs.15,000/-



Shri.Tapan Sangma in his vegetable plot



Shri.Tapan Sangma selling his produces

