

SUCCESS STORY OF INTERVENTION OF HMNEH SCHEME IN EAST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT UNDER MAWPHLANG DEVELOPMENT BLOCK



**LEKTOR MAWNAI OF PHANSAWRANG VILLAGE
A BENEFICIARY OF HMNEH SCHEME**

Phansawrang village under Mawphlang Development Block may be considered as one major vegetable growing cluster under East Khasi Hills district. Rapid expansion of area under carrot cultivation has caught the attention of many aspiring farmers of the village



LAND PREPARATION BEFORE SOWING OF SEEDS

and as a result has made easy for the government functionaries to extend their help in extending their support through various schemes which include the central sponsored HMNEH Scheme. The office of the Horticulture Development Officer, Mawphlang Block was pleased to witness another transformation in Phansawrang village with regards to successful implementation of HMNEH scheme. Shri Lektor Mawnai a beneficiary under the scheme explained about the changes that took place in his farming activities after he decided to take up

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GERMINATED CARROT SEEDS

carrot cultivation in commercial scale. Lektor explained that he owes a lot to the Department especially the officers from the district that have rendered all their help and encouragement in various forms such as input support, training programmes etc has resulted a better economic life as far as improvement in his family income.



FRESHLY HARVESTED CARROTS READY FOR MARKETING

Like the other successful carrot growers in the village, Shri Mawnai followed the techniques of the field officers to raise his own seeds for his additional requirement and in case of any surplus he sells at a very good price which has added more benefit to his income. When enquired about the cost benefit of carrot cultivation, it was observed that there is not much of a difference from

the other carrot growers of the neighboring area. With regards to the major share of input support that he received from the Department in the form of Seeds, FYM, Plant Protection Chemicals and Equipment, etc. his contribution comprised mainly in the labour component. Lektor informed that he could grow and harvest carrot continuously up to the month of November and this was possible due to the techniques that he received from the technical experts of the Department of Agriculture.



SORTING AND GRADING OF HARVESTED CARROTS

His farm records revealed that his net income from one cropping season is approximately 3 Lakhs as per the statistics mentioned below:

1. Apart from the input support that he obtained from the Department through the HMNEH scheme, his overall expenditure right from planting to harvesting is around **Rs.3,00,000/-**
2. The Average Yield Per Hectare = 20MT(20000 Kgs)

3. **The Average Wholesale Price = Rs. 30/ Kg**
4. **Total Income = Rs. 6,00,000/-**
5. **Net Profit= (6,00,000- 3,00,000) = Rs. 3,00,000**

Lektor is a happy farmer as this intervention has enable him to support his family and with his additional income he has acquire a new plot of land where he decided to grow other varieties of vegetable crops such as Tomato, Capsicum, etc. The success and endeavour of Lektor and other farmers like Shri Samlang Pyrtuh of Phansawrang village has drawn the attention of other neighbouring



PRODUCE READY FOR DESPATCH TO IEWDUH MARKET IN SHILLONG

farmers and stimulated the entire area to go for large scale horticultural activities. This is one of the unique achievements of the successful implementation of HMNEH scheme, and as a result the implementing agency has a future plan to consider the entire Phansawrang village as a major vegetable growing area.



WHOLESALE MARKET AT IEWDUH(SHILLONG)