

**PRO ACTIVE DISCLOSURE ON RTI, ACT, 2005
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Proactive Disclosure under Section 4(1)(b)(i): the Particulars of its organization, functions, duties of Department of Agriculture, Government of Manipur.

Administrative Department:

Principal Secretary,
Agriculture,
Government of Manipur,
Manipur Secretariat, North Block, Babupara,
Imphal West-795001, Manipur.

Subordinate Office (HoD / Directorate):

Director, Agriculture,
Government of Manipur,
Sanjenthong,
Imphal East- 795001
State: Manipur.

Nodal Officer:

Additional Director, Agriculture,
Government of Manipur,
Sanjenthong,
Imphal East- 795001
State: Manipur.

Find us:

Directorate of Agriculture, Sajenthong, Imphal East Pin: 795001

Office Timings:

The office timings of the Department are:-

Summer - 09.30 a.m. to 05.30 P.m.

Winter - 09.30 a.m. to 05.00 P.m.

Website:

www.agrimanipur.mn.gov.in. & www.agrimanipur.com.

Services of Agricultural Department, Manipur :

Agriculture has been the art and way of life for human civilization. It is the foundation of all civilizations throughout history and till today, more than half of the Manipuri population derive their livelihood and income directly from agriculture and allied activities. This necessitated the establishment of a full-fledged Department for Agriculture in the state and the same was borne fruit in the year 1946 with its headquarter at Imphal (Babupara). In its nascent stage, it consisted of only a skeleton staff but it gradually evolved and developed in stature and at present it is one of the major Departments of the State playing a pivotal role in the socio-economic development of Manipur.

The erstwhile Department of Agriculture was bifurcated into two departments viz (i) Department of Agriculture and (ii) Department of Horticulture & Soil Conservation in the year, 1970. Again, a new department viz Command Area Development Authority (CADA) was established 1982-83 under the fold of Agriculture Department. At the beginning of the Ninth Plan Period (1997) the joint cadre of the Department of Agriculture, Horticulture & Soil Conservation and CADA had been trifurcated into three important Cadres – Agriculture, Horticulture & Soil Conservation & CADA.

The economy of Manipur state being primarily dependent on agriculture, emphasis has been given on augmenting agricultural production of the state. Agriculture still occupies the most prominent position in the state's economy. Traditionally, people in the hills practice jhuming or shifting cultivation in general i.e., they cultivate on high slopes, then abandon the plots after a few years and cultivate in another hill plot. Arable land is by and large marginal and hence agriculture had persistently been on subsistence level in Manipur.

About 80% of the population in Manipur is directly dependent on agriculture and allied sectors. The primary sector have contributed 23.8% of the GSDP (at current prices) in 2020-21. The share of the primary sector in the GSDP has been showing a downward trend since 2017-18. This contrasts sharply with the steady growth of the GSDP over the same period. The state economy is showing a shift in the composition towards the tertiary sector over the last 4-5 years. The primary sector and the secondary sector's static performances remain a cause for concern.

The declining share of the agriculture in the state's economy however does not take away the criticality of this sector. Food security has been an issue of concern in Manipur. In the past popular agitations (Nupi Lan, 1939 etc.) were launched on account of the scarcity of foodgrains. The total production of foodgrains, cereals and vegetables has not been able to keep with the requirements of the population.

The major objective of this Department is taking up programme implementation for Agriculture & allied activities development more efficiently and effectively to bring overall agricultural growth through optimum utilisation of resources ensuring self-sufficiency in food grains, nutritional security and contribute to economic growth of the farmers in the state. The

Department formulates annual action plan based on the state potential, implement programmes and undertake all such activities in Agriculture & Allied sector that promotes income and livelihood security of the farming community. Annual budget allocation in respect of Agriculture Department under the State resources is very limited could meet only requirements of staff salaries, wages and other Office expenses resulted to very less fund to take up developmental programme under state fund.

The Agriculture & Horticulture sector plays an important role in the State Economy. Agriculture, Horticulture and Allied Sector development are the thrust areas and a number of programs are being implemented with the objective to up-lift the socio economic condition of the farmers.

Administration

The Director is the Administrative Head of the Department. At the Directorate level, Director is assisted by the one Joint Directors and one Deputy Director along with Agriculture Officers / Equivalent in the technical and administrative affairs of the Department. One Chief Finance Officer oversees financial matters, including the vetting of financial proposals, budget estimates, and appropriations while one Senior Administrative Officer handles administrative matters including court cases.

The main objectives of the Agriculture Department:

- Food security in Manipur through empowerment of the farmer.

STAFF STRENGTH:

1. Name of Department: Agriculture

Name of the Office: Agriculture Officer (HQ)

Sl No.	Name of post	No. of Sectioned post
1.	Director	1
2.	Additional Director	1
3.	Joint Director	1
4.	Deputy Director	1
5.	Senior Administrative Office	1
6.	Chief Finance Officer	1
7.	Administrative Officer (Agri)	1
8.	Finance Officer (Agri)	1
9.	Agriculture Officer	2
10.	DSMS	1
11.	Oilseed Development Officer	1
12.	Pulses Development Officer	1
13.	Assistant Engineer (Ref)	1
14.	Assistant Agriculture Officer	6
15.	Extension Officer	8
16.	SDSMS	1
17.	Technical Assistant	1

18.	Section Officer	1
19.	Section Officer Gd-II	1
20.	Sr. Accountant	2
21.	Head Clek	1
22.	Steno/ APS	4
23.	U.D.C	9
24.	Village Extension Worker (VEW)	13
25.	Filed Assistant	1
26.	Ref Assistant	1
27.	Office Assistant	18
28.	Driver	12
29.	Store Keeper	1
30.	Peon	20
31.	Mali	1
32.	Chowkidar	3
33.	Draftary	1
34.	Sweeper	1