Btc & BPU for Arunachal soon

Itanagar, Jan 10: A bamboo training centre (BTC) and bamboo processing units (BPU) will be set up in the state soon, National Bamboo Mission (NBM) mission director union commissioner Dr. Goral Singh assured stateGovernor G Lalji T Panel to the latter’s plea today.

Dr Singh, accompanied by State Forest Research Intra-director Dr Singh called on the governor (in pic) at Raj Bhavan here today when the governor elaborated the potential and stressed on the need for adequate focus on bamboo sector, reports RPO to governor.

Appraising on the initiatives of the government of India, Dr. Singh informed that fruit processing units, establishing marketing channel, provision for buy-back programme, supply of high quality seedlings, focus on off season cultivation and establishment of science block were in the pipeline for the state. The governor said bamboo can transform the entire rural economy if 25% of its potential is utilized.

He informed that with limited resources a bamboo processing centre has been set up at Poma as a multi-dimension rural development activities centre. Organic farming, beekeeping, handicrafts would be added to it to ensure socio-economic development of the people, he said.

Stressing the need for five more such centres in different parts of the state, he asked the NDM to provide necessary assistance. However, impressed, the Poma project, Dr Singh called for replicating such centres in other parts of the region.

The governor, who had visited Van Vigyan Kendra Chausa sometime ago, said it is functioning properly but still promotional aspect is required and the centre needs to propagate to benefit the farmers from its research works.

The governor also urged upon the mission director for establishing training centres for bamboo similar to cane and bamboo technology centres in Guwahati.

Appreciating the initiatives of the governo, Dr Singh said, with such promotion, the mission will definitely be successful.