

**GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT  
ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
ITANAGAR**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**UNION AGRICULTURE MINISTER CALLS ON THE GOVERNOR**

Union Minister for Agriculture and Food Processing Industries Shri Sharad Pawar called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma at Raj Bhawan, Itanagar on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013. They discussed on various issues related to agriculture and food processing industries, including establishment of veterinary college and research centres.

Highlighting the importance of domestic animals, especially Mithun in tribal society and rural communities of the State, Governor urged upon the Union Minister for establishment of Mithun Research Institute and Regional Pig Breeding Centre. He also proposed for establishment of college of Veterinary Science and Home Science in Arunachal Pradesh.

Stating that many horticulture crops such as Orange, Apple, Kiwi, Large Cardamom and Ginger are produced at marketable surplus, Governor called for more food processing units for the State, proper market linkage and setting up of required infrastructure. He suggested for revision of cost ceiling on market infrastructures.

Governor requested the Union Minister on setting up of a Regional Research Centre for temperate horticulture through Indian Council for Agriculture Research.

Underscoring the importance of Agriculture and allied sectors in the State and North Eastern region, which produced huge citrus and other horticulture product, Governor suggested for a north east comprehensive agriculture marketing and export policy.

Conveying gratitude to the Union Minister for laying the foundation stone for Agriculture College at Pasighat, Governor requested for enhancement of intake capacity of student in the college.

PRO to Governor  
Arunachal Pradesh  
ITANAGAR, November 27, 2013