

Manipur flood: Minister assures farmers



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Agriculture, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Minister V Hangkhanlian appealed to the flood affected farmers not to panic [over](#) loss of [crop](#) due to floods.

The Minister was on a visit to the site of the Raising of Community Nursery, conducted by Department of Agriculture, Government of [Manipur](#), at Haotal, Pangei on Wednesday. The minister dispersed rice seeds varieties such [as](#) RCM-[10](#) and RCM-12 at the nursery.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines, Hangkhalien said that [compensation](#) for the farmers affected by floods would be provided under natural calamity relief fund for which the [state](#) government has already put forward to the Central Government.

“Compensation will be given to all farmers once the fund is available. The government has made all possible efforts to help farmers,” he said.

The minister said all steps have been taken to purchase alternative crops in case if there is no recovery from the current floods.

Efforts are on to grow hybrid rice in selected areas like [Imphal](#) East, [Imphal](#) West and Thoubal districts, he said but added that the government will not be in a position to cover the entire [Manipur](#).

The minister, however, said the [crop](#) yield is unpredictable [as](#) the hybrid rice cultivation will take place for the first time in the [state](#).

“The department is planning to cultivate these crops in the elevated areas in flooded fields also. If the flood water do not recede till August next, we have no option but to purchase other alternative crops,” he added.

He was accompanied by Agriculture Director Dr Ph Rajendro Singh during the visit.

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