

Success Story under Turmeric Cultivation by Sri Amrit Mushahary of village Bhawraguja under TSP



Kokrajhar district of Assam offers great potential for large scale cultivation of many spices. The tribal population cultivated spices like turmeric and ginger for their own consumption. Vast track of upland suitable for such spices remains fallow due to lack of motivation, knowledge of modern technology and marketing.

Sri Amrit Mushahary, is a tribal farmer of village Bhawraguja under Kokrajhar development block. He came into contact with KVK, Kokrajhar in the year 2017. He had 1 hectare of land which remains fallow for most of time of the year. Keeping his land and other resources in view,

experts from the KVK urged to cultivate turmeric of variety Megha Turmeric-1 having high curcumin content in his land under the TSP project "Promotion of Agriculture Centric Sustainable Livelihood Security for tribal Farmers of Assam". The Farmer showed interest in the crop and religiously followed all advice of the KVK experts.

The KVK personnel provided him with turmeric rhizome of variety Megha Turmeric-1, fertilizer at recommended dose and other plant protection chemicals as critical inputs. He shared organic manure and cost of other operations. The scientist from KVK provided him training on scientific cultivation technology including post harvest storage and processing. Regular field visit was done at different stages of the crop growth.

The farmer raised the crop as guided by the KVK experts and he could reap a good harvest of 280 q from 1 ha of area. At current selling price of Rs 35.00 per kilogram he will earn 98,000.00 from the rhizome. Seeing the quality of harvest and variety, the department of soil and water conservation, Govt. of Assam already gave an indent of purchase of 1 ton of turmeric rhizome. Farmers from nearby areas are also purchasing turmeric from Mr Amrit

Mushahary. This will be a quantum jump of his agricultural income from Rs75000.00-100000.00.

Great enthusiasm was aroused amongst the farmers of different villages after witnessing the results of demonstration of turmeric by Mr. Amrit Mushahary under the guidance of KVK Kokrajhar. More youths of the neighboring villages are coming forward for turmeric cultivation and are seeking help and guidance of KVK. The rhizome of Megha turmeric -1 variety is spreading horizontally in the nearby villages and KVK is expecting more areas under Megha turmeric -1 in the district in the years to come.