

Union Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan visits his Parliamentary Constituency of Vidisha, DISHA committee meeting held in Raisen

Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan reviews development work and issued necessary directives to officials

Discussions hold on topics like deaddiction, black marketing of seeds and fertilisers, fake fertilisers, PM Awas Yojana, Lakhpati Didis, and more

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Union Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, visited his parliamentary constituency Vidisha yesterday, and held a meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) in Raisen. The meeting involved in-depth discussions on public welfare issues such as deaddiction, black marketing of fertilisers, counterfeit fertilisers, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Lakhpati Didis under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission, water infrastructure, and the progress of the work undertaken energy department.



“Selling fake fertiliser is a grave sin – take strict action against offenders”

The Union Minister obtained scheme-wise information during the review of the agriculture department’s work in the district. He directed that strictest action be taken against people who are engaged in black marketing or selling counterfeit fertilisers, as it amounts to a grave injustice against farmers. He also inquired about the procurement of ‘moong’ (green gram) and instructed officials to inspect procurement centers.



“Focus on public welfare and development while working”

The Union Minister Shri Chouhan urged public representatives and officials to make Raisen a model district in terms of development and welfare. He directed them to tour their respective areas and ensure that eligible individuals who have not yet received benefits under any scheme are included at the earliest. Construction projects should be completed on time with intensive monitoring, the minister emphasised.

“PM Awas installments must be released on time”

While reviewing the work of the PM Awas Yojana (Gramin) — Awas Plus, Shri Chouhan instructed that the scheme should be implemented in such a way that beneficiaries receive their installments on time. He stressed on ensuring zero negligence in construction works and called for rigorous monitoring at the district level to ensure timely completion. In the fiscal year 2024–25, as many as 27,981 houses have been approved across all Gram Panchayats of the district — 4,825 are complete, and 23,156 are under progress.



“Raisen district has 43,613 Lakhpati Didis”

Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan reviewed the progress under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission and asked for a detailed count of Lakhpati Didis. He weighed on the fact that more and more women should be empowered to become Lakhpati Didis through a concrete action plan. It has been said that the district currently has 43,613 Lakhpati Didis.

“Connect every village to main roads”

During a review of roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, the Minister directed that every village be connected to main roads, ensuring seamless rural connectivity and improved access to services. It was reported that under the 2024–25 plan, 30 roads covering 276.236 km have been sanctioned, of which 28 roads have been completed. Similarly, of 13 sanctioned bridges, 9 have been completed. The meeting also reviewed the work of National Highways Authority of India.

“Agriculture officials must inspect crops in the fields”

The Minister directed agriculture officers to visit fields regularly and advise farmers about appropriate pesticides in case of crop diseases. He emphasised using Krishi Vigyan Kendras to disseminate the latest agricultural techniques and also instructed on getting on with early preparations for the rabi (winter) crops. Upon being informed that Basmati rice from the district had been rejected in international markets, he told officials to educate farmers against using internationally banned pesticides.

“Water infrastructure projects must be completed on time”

Shri Chouhan asked for details about reservoirs and pond water storage conditions during the review of the Water Resources Department. He reiterated that under the Jal Jeevan Mission, every household must have tap water access and that all incomplete projects must be finished at the earliest. He also reviewed the Energy Department’s progress, particularly under-construction electricity substations, and instructed that they too be completed without any further delay.

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