

Participation of PRF on the meeting of Ghograpar.

A meeting on agriculture was organized by DREAMS at 12 no. Dotra Panchayat at Ghograpar on 28/ 08/2011. The meeting was presided by Anirudha Sarma. Mridul Deka a scientist from KVK and Janki Pegu from PRF were the invited speakers in the meeting. Mridul Deka on his speech addressed on the preservation of Environment and local resources. He said that our traditional method of farming is much better than the modern methods.

Janki Pegu from PRF addressed about the “Right to Food” to the people gathered in the meeting. He started his speech by giving a brief introduction of the ongoing works of Peoples’ Rights Forum. At present the forum is campaigning against the decision of cash transfer in the National Food Security Bill. He also oriented about the different kind of saplings available in our tradition which the people have already forgotten. The arable land of the region is decreasing day by day due to the explosion of population, natural calamities and the inception of new industries. The farmers also lost the interest in farming because of incurring loss on the production. Youths also migrates to big cities in search of job not having any concern of the local issues. So an appeal for Minimum Support Price and irrigation facilities has to be made to the government for security and encouragement of the farmers. The inception of corporate sectors in agriculture is a great threat for the local cultivators. So he urges the people and the youths of the region to lead and work positively for the cause. They also can take help from different organizations working on this issue, file RTI’s on the agriculture department and organize press meets for the same. He expresses his belief that the SRI method of cultivation and surplus production will provide nutritious food and promote the minimum standard of living for the cultivators.

Feedback from the public:

Sri Tarun Deka from Dotora shares that the present government schemes are a blessing or a curse for the farmers. The farmers are really helpless to acquire such schemes whereas it is enjoyed by some elite people of the society. They have no other way other than using pesticides even if it spoils the fertility of the land as they have to produce sufficiently to run their family. Besides there are changes in the season also.