

Jorhat district administration fixes minimum price of green tea leaves

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Jorhat, September 29: At a time when the small tea growers in the State are facing problems due to decrease in prices of green tea leaves, the district administration of Jorhat, by an order issued on Thursday, fixed minimum prices of per kg green tea leaves at Rs.17.46. This order has come a week after the small tea growers of Assam staged protest in Jorhat demanding undisrupted LPG supply to the tea factories to prevent their losses.

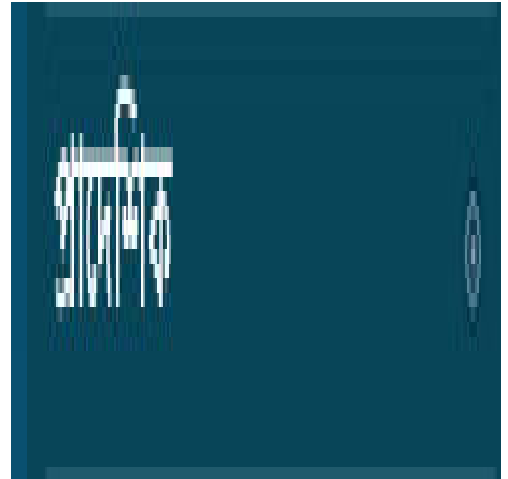
The All Assam Small Tea Growers' Association (AASGA) blocked the NH 37 in Jorhat for two hours demanding undisrupted supply of LPG in the State tea factories on September 22. Hundreds of tea factories in Assam have been suffering from acute LPG shortage leading to serious loss for the State tea industry.

The Jorhat district administration by the order issued on Thursday stated that the tea purchasers would have to purchase green tea leaves from small tea growers at the minimum rate of Rs. 17.46 per kg from Thursday onwards. The order will be effective until further order by the administration within October this year. The order also stated that those found violating the order would be punished in accordance with the directions of the Indian Tea Board.

Due to the shortage of gas supply in the factories, over 1.2 lakh small tea growers have been incurring huge losses over the past one month. The AASGA sent memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to take steps to ensure adequate LPG supply to tea factories in the State.

The small tea growers in the State have been incurring serious loss since the past few weeks as the rate of green tea leaves was reduced to Rs. 7- Rs 8 per kg due to shortage of LPG supply in the tea factories.

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