

**Sale of Mustard Oil in Jirania under PDS**  
**State Government working for public welfare: Food Minister**

Consumers are now getting a variety of products at government fair price shops throughout the month which was not the case before. Commodities are available at government fair price shops early in the month. Now government fair price shops are also providing subsidized mustard oil. Food Minister Sushanta Chowdhury said this while inaugurating the mustard oil sale programme at government fair price shop in Jirania sub-division on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. The Food Minister launched the subsidized mustard oil sale programme at the fair price shop in Nalgaria market. The Food Minister said that no product is given free of cost under public distribution system. Essential commodities are provided to consumers at subsidized prices. Confusion is being spread from some quarters about this programme of the government. The state government is working for public welfare. A vested interest group is questioning the people-oriented programmes of the government and trying to defame the government. It is said that fair price shops are offering empty bags. Ration material is not being provided which is not correct. The Food Minister said that this is the first time that mustard oil is being given from government fair price shops during the current government tenure. Moreover, Food Minister Sushanta Chowdhury also handed over mustard oil at a subsidized price to consumers at the fair price shop in Mohanpur Bazar and at a fair price shop in Jirania College Chowmuhani. Along with this, the Food Minister also handed over free canvas bags to the consumers.

Vice Chairman of Ranirbazar Municipal Council Prabir Kumar Das, Chairman of Jirania Nagar Panchayat Ratan Kumar Das, Director of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumers Affairs Department Nirmal Adhikari, Additional Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Jirania Sub-Division Sushanta Debbarma, prominent philanthropist Gauranga Bhowmik and others were present at the programme.