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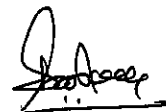
**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Monthly Summary of Principal Activities undertaken and important decisions taken during the month of August, 2018 in respect of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to D.O. letter No.1/26/2018-Cab dated 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 from Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat on the subject mentioned above.

2. The Monthly Summary pertaining to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region for the month of August, 2018 is hereby circulated for information.

Encl: As above.



(S.L. Meena)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To

All Members of the Council of Ministers  
(As per list attached)

**Copy with enclosures also forwarded to:-**

1. The Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Secretary to the Hon'ble President, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Secretary to the Hon'ble Vice President, No.5 Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi.
4. The Secretaries to the Government of India.
5. Ms. Rachna Shah, Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

Copy to :

1. Joint Secretary (SNP)/ Joint Secretary (JKS)/ Joint Secretary (SE)/ Economic Adviser (MS)/ Joint Secretary (SLM)/ Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser (JT), Ministry of DoNER.
2. Senior Technical Director, NIC, Ministry of DoNER for uploading on the website of the Ministry.
3. PPS to Secretary, DoNER.

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Development of North East Region**

**Monthly summary of Principal Activities and important decisions taken during the month of August, 2018.**

- Ministry of DoNER keeps track of expenditure under earmarked 10% expenditure in the North Eastern Region by non-exempted Ministries. All non-exempted Ministries/ Departments were requested to provide scheme-wise figures of actual expenditure on NEER against budget/ revised estimates for the year 2017-18 and 2018-19 (1<sup>st</sup> quarter) under 10% GBS. Information received from 14 Ministries/ Departments show the actual expenditure in NEER of Rs.15832.13 crore as against RE allocation of Rs.17680.99 crore in 2017-18 and actual expenditure in NEER of Rs.4417.71 crore in the first quarter of 2018-19 as against BE allocation of Rs.20129.63 crore in 2018-19.
- As per PFMS data, the expenditure till 31st August, 2018 is Rs.11410.22 crore (consisting of release against Central Sector scheme, Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Other Grants/Loans/Transfer to NEER States) against the earmarked allocation (BE) of Rs.47994.88 crore for the entire year. This data will help in recommending reallocation of likely surrender to those Ministries who have the absorptive capacity to implement additional approved schemes/programs within the financial year.
- **Visits of Union Ministers to North Eastern States:** In order to accelerate the process of development in the North Eastern Region, it was decided that with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2015, each North Eastern State would have a visit of a Union Minister in every 15 days. Shri Krishna Raj, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare visited the State of Mizoram and Shri Vishnu Deo Dai, Hon'ble Minister of State for Steel visited the State of Manipur during August, 2018.
- Prof. Biman Kumar Dutta (Retd.), former Head and Dean, School of Environmental Sciences, Assam University, Silchar, Assam has joined on 28th August, 2018 as Member of the North Eastern Council for a period of three years.
- The fourth meeting of the High Level Committee for proper management of water resources in the North Eastern Region was held on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog. After detailed deliberations, it was *inter alia* decided to seek comments of all the North Eastern States on the report of the High Level Committee before it is finally adopted.
- M/o DoNER in collaboration with the office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the GoI has initiated SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY INTERVENTIONS IN THE NORTH EAST REGION (STINER). STINER has adopted Hub & Spoke approach to advocate

relevant technologies. The CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat has been designated as Mother Technology Facilitating Center (TFC) with spokes in all eight NE States. Some 57 odd technologies have been selected for display, demonstration, hands-on training, incubation, use by farmers/artisans for value addition of their produce/products etc. Hon'ble PM also referred to STINER in his speech in the 4<sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC summit held in Kathmandu, Nepal during 30-31 August, 2018, which will be replicated to BIMSTEC nations.

- A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER, along with Additional Secretary, DIPP, Additional Secretary, Government of Assam and CMD, NEDFi on 14th August, 2018 to discuss and finalize steps for conducting a feasibility study for the Government of Assam's proposal of establishing a North East Industrial Corridor. It was agreed that NEDFi will fund the study and National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) will provide the necessary guidance. It was also agreed to form an Inter-Ministerial Committee on Economic Corridor in North Eastern Region.
- Secretary, DoNER delivered the Key Note Address in the Stakeholders' consultation on MSME Sector in North East India, organized by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 at Guwahati, Assam. It was suggested that the focus should be on building managerial capacities of the family of weavers & artisans, value chain management including standardizing the process of production of MSME sector.

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