OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary of principal activities undertaken and important decisions taken during the month of March, 2019 in respect of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Cabinet Secretariat’s D.O. letter No. 1/26/2018-Cab. dated 30th 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 March, 2019 is hereby circulated for information.

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Encl. As above.

To
All Members of the Council of Ministers.

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  v. Ms. Rachna Shah, Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

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Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

Monthly summary of principal activities of and important decisions taken in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region during the month of March, 2019.

1.0 Principal activities and the important decisions:

1.1 The project for construction of North East Girls’ Hostel in Bengaluru University, funded by NEC, was completed and inaugurated by Hon’ble Prime Minister of India on 06.03.2019. The hostel will accommodate 288 students.

1.2 Hon’ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of DoNER inaugurated two roads namely (a) Up-gradation of Doimukh to Harmuti Road in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam and (b) Up-gradation of Tura Manchakar Road in Assam on 09.03.2019 through Video Conferencing.

1.3 A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 08.03.2019 between National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) and NEC for setting up a Joint Working Group (JWC) for drawing up an action plan for the NEC on health related issues.

1.4 Ministry of DoNER also monitors expenditure in the North Eastern Region by non-exempted Ministries under earmarked 10% of their GBS. As per PFMS data, the NER expenditure till 31st March 2019 was Rs. 30,367.86 crore (consisting of release against Central Sector scheme, Centrally Sponsored Schemes to NER states) against the earmarked allocation (RE) of Rs. 47,087.95 crore for the entire year.

1.5 On 19th March, 2019, Secretary, DoNER took a meeting to review the pending projects/proposals of the State Governments of NER under various schemes of the Ministry and other important issues pertaining to State Governments. Proposals for funding under Central Assistance for re-building totally washed away/damaged infrastructure during floods in 2017 and other project proposals under NESIDS were discussed at length. For re-building of washed away/damaged infrastructure, Ministry of Finance has agreed for release of Central Assistance of Rs. 200.00 crore already allotted to the States as per their entitlement.

1.6 During the month of March, 2019, an amount of Rs.12.20 crore and Rs.48.90 crore was released under the NLCPR scheme and NESIDS respectively and Rs.12.00 crore was released in respect of DHATC package for the projects in NER.

1.7 An amount of Rs.112.59 crore was released under the schemes of North Eastern Council for special development projects during the month of March, 2019.

1.8 8th meeting of the Empowered Committee (EC) on Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) was held under the Chairmanship of Commerce Secretary on 15th March, 2019. Empowered Committee (EC) on 'Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme' (TIES) of Ministry of Commerce approved the Export Oriented Pork Processing Plant in Nazira Assam by Assam Livestock and Poultry Corporation (ALPCO) with total project cost of Rs.11.44 crore.
1.9 An Inter-Ministerial meeting to discuss expanding our areas of cooperation with Mekong countries under MGC grouping in Ministry of External Affairs was held on 29.3.2019. MEA solicited suggestions from various Ministries on QIP’s (Quick Impact Projects) which can be initiated & Implemented in MGC countries i.e. Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand & Vietnam for upliftment of societies in Mekong River Basin area.