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Dated the 24th April, 2018

This is in reference to Cabinet Secretary’s D.O. letter dated 11th May, 2011.

2. On 16th March, 2018, Hon’ble Prime Minister unveiled the plaque to mark laying of Foundation Stone of the following projects under NLCPR scheme :-

   a. Improvement of Road between Koirangel and Sekmaim.
   b. Eco-Tourism Project at Cheirao Ching.
   c. Cave Tourism Project at Khangkhui Cave.

3. Hon’ble Minister (IC), DoNER chaired the Inaugural Session of the seminar on “The Age of Multilateralism and Connecting India’s North East: Opportunities and challenges” and addressed the participants. Secretary, DoNER chaired the Valedictory Session. The Seminar was jointly organized by the Asian Confluence – India East Asia Centre, the Indian Council of World Affairs and M/o DONER.

4. The first meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants was held on 12th March, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER and Co-Chairmanship of Secretary, AYUSH to discuss programmes to enable medicinal and aromatic plans sector become vibrant and develop the resources to its potential.

5. Note for the Cabinet on the Schemes of North Eastern Council (NEC) including continuation of existing schemes at an estimated expenditure of Rs.4500.00 crore for 3 years upto March, 2020 has been approved by the Cabinet on 28/03/2018.

6. On 19th March, 2018, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the aims to generate technology enabled livelihood opportunities in tourism and hospitality for India’s micro-entrepreneurs, especially women and youths in the North East, to help low-income families increase their income by sharing their homes through Airbnb’s global platform, was signed between M/s AirBnB Ireland UC and North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP) for Strategic Partnership in the North Eastern States.

7. On 19th March, 2018, another Memorandum of Understanding was also signed between NERCORMP and Himalayan Environmental Studies & Conservation Organization (HESCO) for promotion of livelihood, entrepreneurship and Development of North Eastern States as a whole and particularly leverage appropriate technologies under the Science & Technology Interventions in the North East Region (STINER) programme being monitored by the M/o DoNER.
8. The total budget allocation (BE) of Ministry of DoNER for 2017-18 was Rs.2792.45 crore (RE was Rs. 2737.45 cr) out of which Rs.2568.37 crore was spent till 31st March, 2018 which comes to 91.98 % of the BE (93.82 % of RE). The main reason for this shortfall was that Rs. 138.00 cr out of the total allocation of Rs. 150.00 cr for North East Road Sector Development Scheme could not be spent as the approval of the Cabinet for continuation of the scheme could be obtained only on 28th March, 2018.

9. Information is being uploaded via e-mail separately, as desired.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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