100 Days Agenda of the Ministry of DoNER - Point No. (vii) Look East Policy

Record of discussions of the meeting chaired by Secretary, DoNER on Look East Policy vis-à-vis North East India.

I. Date and Time: 12th August 2009 at 3.00 P.M

Issues discussed :

- (i) Starting of bus services between important cities of NER and neighbouring countries.
- (ii) Roads for improved border trade and connectivity to neighbouring countries.
- (iii) Air links between important cities of NER and neighbouring countries.
- (iv) Railway links in NER and with neighbouring countries.
- (v) Inland Waterways connectivity.

The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

II. Date and Time : 19th August 2009 at 3.00 P.M

Issues discussed :

- (i) Telecommunication network in NER.
- (ii) Integrated Check Posts and Land Custom Stations.
- (iii) Relaxation of travel restrictions of foreign nationals in NER.
- (iv) Steps to improve Border Trade.
- (v) Teaching of languages of South East Asian and neighbouring countries to youth and business persons of NER.

The list of participants is at Annexure-II.

II. Date and Time : 1^{st} September 2009 at 3.00 P.M

Issues discussed :

- (i) Promotion of trade with neighbouring countries.
- (ii) Organizing visits of trade delegations to and from neighbouring countries.
- (iii) Holding of exhibition in the neighbouring countries.

The list of participants is at Annexure-III.

Starting of bus services between important cities of the NER and those of neighbouring countries

Item 1: Bus services between Imphal and Mandalay Status: MEA had conveyed an in principle approval to DORTH long back. However, the present detailed proposal of the Govt. of Manipur is under examination in MEA and DORTH. The bus service is a long standing demand of the State Govt.

Item 2 : Bus services between Shillong and Dhaka and Guwhati and Dhaka via Shillong

Status: MEA is in discussion with Govt. of Bangladesh. Though no timelines can be fixed for the same, MEA will continue to pursue these demands of the States. MEA has informed that the Govt. of Bangladesh is also positively inclined towards these proposed services. Dawki in Meghalaya and Tamu can be the change over points.

Item 3: Start direct bus service from Kolkata to Agartala via Dhaka (presently bus service is running between Agartala and Dhaka).

Status: Direct bus service between Kolkata and Agartala via Dhaka is a very important demand of the Tripura Govt. Present bus service between Agartala and Dhaka have received good response. MEA will continue

to pursue this with Govt. of Bangladesh and it is an important priority area for them.

Item 4: Bus service between Guwahati-Imphal-Mandalay. Bus services between Guwahati and Dhaka via Tura to facilitate movement of the business community.

Status: Bus services between Guwahati and Yangon and Guwahati-Imphal-Mandalay are not presently under any bilateral discussion.

Ten priority areas identified by MEA

Item 1: Construction of Rih-Tidim and Rih-Falam road to operationalise the India-Myanmar border trading point at Rih-Zokhawthar in Mizoram.

Status: Construction of Rih-Tidim and Rih-Falam road - DPRs have been updated. It has been decided by MEA that the execution will now be by an Indian company.

Item 2 : Declaring Ashuganj (Bangladesh) as port of call.

Status: The issue of declaring Ashuganj as port of call is an important priority area for MEA. Ashuganj in Bangladesh as a multi modal link has been recommended by the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Technical Committee on Inland Waterways and signed by both the sides. It provides trade potential and most feasible link to

Tripura. MEA is pursuing the matter with Govt. of Bangladesh.

Item 3 : Access to Chittagong port through Bangladesh

Status: MEA is pursuing the matter of access to Chittagong port through Bangaldesh.

Air Links :

Item 1: Creating an air travel circuit between NE and Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, China, Thailand and Singapore to increase export and tourism from the region.

Item 2 : Guwahati to be developed as an airline hub

Item 3: Imphal and Agartala to be developed as hubs in the southern parts of North East.

Item 4: International flights from Guwahati to neighbouring countries and South East Asia.

Item 5 : Airlinking Guwahati-Dibrugarh-MandalayKunming.

Status: Commencement of air links between important cities of NER and neighbouring countries and South East Asia is now mostly a function of the market forces than any policy decision. Ministry of Civil Aviation has informed that unlimited access has already been agreed and granted to the designated airlines of ASEAN and

SAARC countries viz. Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Cambodia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Maldives to/from 18 tourist destinations in India including Guwahati. Therefore, designated airlines of these countries are free to mount any number of services to/from Guwahati. However, actual operations by any airlines is always based on its commercial judgement.

However, presently Guwahati is not available as point of call to airlines from Myanmar and China as these countries have not requested for permission to fly to Guwahati. If the carriers of these countries pose such requests, the Ministry of Civil Aviation will examine and consider.

As far as Indian carriers are concerned they are free to mount services from any point in India to the agreed point of call in the foreign countries as per the respective bilateral Air Services arrangements and their commercial judgement.

Dibrugarh airport does not have night landing facility at the moment, Imphal has been provided with the same.

Item 6: Provide an air cargo complex at Guwahati airport to cater to export and import of goods.

Item 7 : Setting up of drive-in cold storages in Agartala, Imphal, Dimapur and Aizawl airports for promotion of export of horticulture products.

For promotion of export of agro-horti products from NER, the States, AAI and APEDA will facilitate construction of perishable cargo centre.

The status from the Ministry of Civil Aviation on the issues concerning 'air links between important cities of the NER and those of neighbouring countries' is at Annexure-IV.

Railway Links

Item 1 : Completion of railway link projects to the capitals of all NE States.

Status: Completion of railway link projects to capital of all NE States is underway North Eastern Region Rail Development Fund and other important projects of the railways. The railway links to Imphal, Gangtok, Mizoram, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh are being taken up. These are at various stages of survey and execution.

Item 2: Extension of railway line between Agartala and Akhaura in Bangladesh (the distance between the present Agartala line and Akhaura is around 15 km.).

Status: Extension of railway line between Agartala and Akhaura in Bangladesh - survey has been completed on the Indian side. Extension of Agartala-Akhaura railway line is a high priority in the MEA's agenda for discussion with Bangladesh. Govt. of India is considering giving a line of credit to Bangladesh for this stretch. It assumes more importance as the Akhaura line in Bangladesh can link to the existing Dhaka-Chittagong line providing accent link sea port to the NER.

Item 3: Railways link between Shahbazpur in Bangladesh to Mohisashan in Karimganj district of Assam to facilitate export of bulk mineral, food items and agroagriculture based products from NER.

Status: There is no progress on the railway link between Shahbazpur in Bangladesh to Mohisashan in Karimganj, Assam.

Item 4: A railway link circling the foothills of Meghalaya and linking it to Bangladesh.

Status: The Chief Engineer, North East Frontier Railway has prepared an estimate of Rs.15,894 crore for a 437 km long railway line along with Meghalaya-Bangladesh border. The alingnment of the line is Jogighopa (Assam) - Tikrikilla - Selsella - Zigzak - Baghmara -

Ranikor-Shella-Pynursia-Amlarem-Silchar-Jowai (Meghalaya).

Item 5 : Connecting NE with trans-Asian Railway.

Status : This will enable direct rail links between

India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand/China

Status: The discussion on this issue are ongoing.

Item 6: Restrore rail traffic between Mahisanga and Shantirbazar (South Tripura).

Item 7: Linking Golakganj in Distt. Dhubri, Assam and Chhatak on Surma River in Sunamganj district of Sylhet division in Bangaldesh.

Status: There is no progress on the issues of restoration of rail traffic between Mahisanga and Shantirbazar(South Tripura) and linking Golakganj (Assam) and Chhatak on Surma river (Bangladesh).

Inland Water Ways

Item 1 : Declaring Ashuganj as a Port of Call

Status : Same as above.

Item 2 : Negotiating and renewing Indo-Bangladesh
Inland Waterways Protocol on long term basis (at least
for 5 years)

 ${\bf Status}: {\bf Indo-Bangladesh} \ {\bf Inland} \ {\bf Waterways} \ {\bf Protocol} \ {\bf has}$ been extended up to ${\bf 31}^{\rm st} \ {\bf March} \ {\bf 2011}.$

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Telecommunication network in NER:

Item 1: Projects on Optical Fibre link connecting Moreh and Mandalay and installing optical fibre between Moreh and Tamu (Myanmar) almost completed. telecom link between NER and neighbouring countries viz. Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan needs improvement.

Item 2 : Improving telecom facilities including broadband
within the region on priority basis.

Item 3 : Setting up IT parks in Guwahati, Shillong and
Agartala and develop NER as an IT, ITES destination.

Status: Moreh-Tamu optical fiber links have been commissioned. However, the traffic is inadequate and fluctuates widely from day to day. TCIL is also examining which other cities in the neighbourhood of India can be linked with optical fiber with India. However, calling rates between India and neighbouring countries are still quite high. MEA informed that three more projects for microwave fiber link between NER and neighbouring countries have been taken up.

Integrated Check Posts and Land Custom Stations

Item 1 : Completion of the proposed Integrated Check Posts
by the Deptt. of Border Management as per their existing
Plan scheme at -

(1) Moreh (Manipur) December, 2011

(2) Dawki (Meghalaya) January, 2012

- (3) Akhaura (Tripura) December, 2011
- (4) Sutarkhandi (Assam)
- (5) Kawarpuchiah (Mizoram)

Status: JS, Deptt. of Border Management indicated the updated status of the ICPs in the NER.

Moreh: Land has been identified by the Govt. of Manipur for ICP at Moreh but the State Govt's fund requirement for the land is perceived as extremely high by the Deptt. of Border Management (Rs.22 crore for 38 acres). Resettlement issues are also to be sorted out. A team from D/BM will visit and discuss with the State Govt. to reduce the cost. Trade through Moreh LCS is quite low in volume. Therefore, high expenditure on acquiring land does not seem to be desirable. Implementation milestones for Moreh have not been finalized by D/BM as the land issues are yet undecided.

Akhaura: At Agartala 3 acres has been acquired and is available with D/BM. The State Govt. will handover another 8 acres in possession to D/BM by September, 2009. Rs.125 crore has been estimated for Akhaura ICP.

Dawki: Two sites have been identified by the Meghalaya Govt. Sites have now to be finalized by D/BM. The response of the State has not been positive. Secretary, DoNER instead said that if the State is not cooperative, D/BM can take a view on setting up ICP at Dawki.

Kawarpuchia: Mizoram Govt. has indicated that it can give 21.6 acres of leased land. MHA wants to have land in the name of the Govt. and not leased land. On the other side in Bangladesh there hardly any infrastructure at the moment for trade to pick up at Kawarpuchia. Facilities have also

to be developed by Bangladesh at Tegamukh. Kawarpuchia is a new site. At present LCS is at Tlubung.

Sutarkhandi: LCS is operational there with a big building on the highway. The building is not operational. Assam Govt. has to take steps to operationalise it.

Thus it was seen that the proposed ICPs excepting at Agartala face problems relating to availability of suitable land from the State Govts.

Secretary remarked that the trade at Moreh has declined over the years. Ministry of Commerce shall strive to find out the reasons for the same and how it can pick up.

Item 2 : Setting up of the Land Port Authority for
management of the Integrated Check Posts by the Department
of Border Management.

Status: On the issue of inclusion of the Land Custom Stations which are not being converted to ICPs, to be put under the proposed Land Ports Authority, JS, Department of Border Management informed that after the Authority set up, this can be taken up by it. Secretary, DONER has requested Department of Border Management to make a time frame for bringing the Land Custom Stations also under the Land Ports Authority.

Item 3: (a) There are 33 notified Land Custom Stations in NER, out of which 9 are non-operational. (b) There are insufficient funds for creation/improvement of infrastructure at LCSs under the "Assistance to State developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities"

(ASIDE) scheme of Ministry of Commerce. (c) Request from NE States viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Meghalaya for notification of new LCSs

Status: It was decided that Ministry of Commerce and Deptt. of Border Management combinedly work out an action plan with milestones for operationalization of non-functional LCSs, improvement/creation of infrastructure for the identified LCSs in consonance with the needs of the NE States. The Land Port Authority should have a clear mandate for setting up of ICPs and LCSs and for notifying additional ICPs and LCSs.

Item 4 : Opening Border Haats on Meghalaya-Bangladesh
border as per request of Govt. of Meghalaya.

Status: The issue of opening of border haats on Meghalaya-Bangladesh border (MEA has taken up with the Government of Bangladesh who have given positively indications for the same). This was informed by representative of MEA. The discussions are continuing.

Relaxation of travel restrictions of foreign nationals in NER

Item 1: Relaxation of procedures to obtain Restricted Area Permit (RAP)/Protected Area Permit (PAP) which impose restrictions on entry of foreign nationals to Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim for promotion of tourism and investment.

Status: There was no representative from the Ministry of Home Affairs. However, representative of the Visa Division

of MEA stated that visa offices of the Government of Bangladesh can be opened in Shillong only on a reciprocal basis. For tourists, Indian Missions have been authorized to issue RAP/PAP permits to visit NER.

Item 2 : Opening of a Visa Office in Shillong of the
Government of Bangladesh (demanded by Government of
Meghalaya).

Item 3 : Persuading neighbouring countries to open their
Visa Offices in the region.

Status: The issue of Indo-Bangladesh passport also came up. It was informed that the passport office will be started in each State capital after which the necessity for State issuing the Indo-Bangladesh passport (Tripura, Mizoram) may not be there as the passport office would directly issue the passport. Visa Officer are opened only on bilateral agreement between two countries.

Steps to improve Border Trade

Item 1: Follow up on points of action on the 3^{rd} Indo-Myanmar Joint Trade Committee meeting held in Mandalay, Myanmar in October 2008:

- i. Upgrading border trade to normal trade at Moreh (Manipur) and Zokhawthar (Mizoram)
- ii. Expansion of list of goods for border trade from existing 22 items to 40 items (under Indo-Myanmar Border Trade Agreement of 1994).
- iii. Implementation of Kaladan Multi Model Transit Transport Project.

- iv. Opening of new border trade point at Avankhung in Nagaland and Leshi in Myanmar. Both sides agreed to address the infrastructure requirements of the area.
- v. Exchange of trade delegation and participation and trade fairs between the two countries.
- Item 2 : Possibility of Free Trade Agreement(FTA) with
 neighbours.
- Item 3: Setting up of an Empowered Task Force under the chairmanship of Secretary, Commerce for promoting international trade and investment in NER.
- Item 4 : Improvement of banking facilities for border
 trade.
- Item 5 : Agro export processing zones in Mizoram and
 Meghalaya.
- Item 6 : Plant quarantine and fumigation facility at LCSs
 for promotion of agro exports.
- Item 7: Identifying commodities for enhanced trade through LCSs and ICPs in NER Five important LCSs will be developed as ICPs. The allocation for 11th Plan for ICPs is around Rs.630 crore (for all ICPs). In addition, the Deptt. of Commerce is also spending on improvement of LCSs through its ASIDE scheme.

Steps to improve the quantum of trade and identifying the commodities that can be beneficially and mutually traded through the LCSs should also be formulated.

Status: Additional Secretary (MER), MEA stated that India's trade with Myanmar can take on new dimensions with Indo-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement. He also remarked that the Indo-ASEAN Business Forum can focus on the North East. Despite border trade with Myanmar in taking up and even

declining in places like Moreh, it is essential to pursue trade and economic relations with Myanmar and NE Region due to strategic reasons. Secretary directed that Ministry of Commerce should study the bottlenecks on both official and unofficial trade such as unfavourable currency exchange rate between India-Myanmar, frequent checking of cargoes on trucks by Assam Rifles and security agencies are major dampener for state.

The Kaladan Multi Modal Transport Project is being executed through IWAI and MEA is the nodal implementing agency. IWAI has floated the tenders for contracting works and will shortlist the tenders soon. The work is expected to start by the end of 2009. Cabinet has also approved in July 2009, the execution of 117 km. road connecting NH-54 to border to provide connectivity within India to the Kaladan project.

It was decided that MEA and Ministry of Commerce may jointly examine the issue of improvement of border trade and to undertake and facilitate creation of the required infrastructure for sustainable trade at the identified points and for the identified commodities through a common currency.

Teaching of languages of neighbouring countries to youth and business persons of NER

Scholarship for external students is provided under a scheme of Deptt. of Higher Education. Secretary directed that some publicity can be done in Myanmar from

where foreign students can be sponsored. He suggested a Board can be set up on the Indo-Myanmar border at Moreh.

Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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Opening the discussion Secretary remarked that reasons for declining border trade with Myanmar needs to be examined particularly the issues relating to exchange rates between the currencies of Myanmar and India. Solution to the exchange rate problems is essential to increase regular trade as opposed to the informal trade which is now much higher than the regular trade.

- 2. RC, Mizoram informed that a branch of UBI is functioning at Moreh presently. Secretary, Trade & Commerce, Govt. of Mizoram informed that Mizoram had held a business submit with Bangladesh. They had identified agricultural and horticultural products, bamboo and food processing to be the areas where trade can be encouraged. Small consignments of trade have also started between Bangladesh and Mizoram. RC, Mizoram and Secretary, Trade & Commerce, Mizoram both said that infrastructure on Indian side is quite poor.
- 3. The representatives of the trade and industry associations said that small localized conclaves and exchanges between business people on both sides will be extremely useful in identifying possible areas of trade.

These interactions in small groups in down near or on the border should be encourages by all stakeholders. Market surveys and people to people contact across the border areas can also prove very useful. This can generate a possible list of items that could be beneficially traded across the land borders.

- 4. RC, Tripura informed that from the Land Custom Stations in Tripura mostly chilli and ginger is exported, the imports consists of stone chip and fish. Tripura is setting up a rubber park in which investors from Bangladesh have shown interest. It was agreed that trading in agrohorti products should be one of the most useful areas of trade across land borders with neighbouring countries.
- 5. The representative of CII said that provision of services in areas near the borders can attract business from the neighbouring countries. She suggested that health care and diagnostic service centres can be set up on the border areas. Skill development centres on computer education can also attract students. This is more suitable for the Bangladesh, Tripura and Assam borders where town on the other side are comparatively more developed. can also be encouraged across the border. It was pointed out that this may also entail the risk of migration. To prevent that, organized group tourism on weekends and conducted tours by authorized tour operators can be encouraged.
- 6. Secretary, DoNER said that computerization of the checkposts on the borders is essential to check the flow of illegal migration.

- 7. Director, Ministry of Commerce informed that it is necessary to increase trade along the borders so as to benefit the NE States well as the neighbouring as countries. Movement of small trade delegations across the borders can be encouraged. With the development of the ICPs, trade is expected to improve. Exports in the NE Region can be encouraged to make more use of Export Development Fund and Market Development fund available with the Deptt. of Commerce. It was agreed that study also needs to be done on how trade between NE States and neighbouring countries can become a mutually beneficial exercise. It will identify items that can be traded, bottlenecks to such trades and how it may be improved.
- 8. Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure-I

ATTENDANCE SHEET

MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION VIGYAN BHAVAN ANNEXE, NEW DELHI

MEETING BY SECRETARY, DONER TO DISCUSS LOOK EAST POLICY – IMPLEMATATION OF ACTION PLAN ON PRIORITY AREAS IN THE NE REGION.

12th AUGUST 2009 AT 3:00 P.M.

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19.	Shri A C Ojha, Under Secretary	M/o Shipping	011-23313959
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Annxure-II

Record of discussions of the meeting chaired by Secretary, DoNER on Look East Policy.

Date and Time : 19th August 2009 at 3.00 P.M Venue : Committee Room, M/o DoNER

List of Participants

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- 2. Ms. Jayashree Mukherjee, Joint Secretary
- 3. Shri S.C. Sharma, Director
- 4. Shri D.P. Singh, Under Secretary

Central Ministries

- 5. Shri Yogendra Kumar, Addl. Secy., M/o External Affairs
- 6. Ms. Anju Ranjan, Under Secretary (Myanmar), M/o External Affairs
- 7. Shri P.K. Gautam, Under Secretary(PV-II), M/o External Affairs
- 8. Shri M.S. Gusain, Assistant, M/o External Affairs
- 9. Shri J.S. Deepak, Joint Secretary, M/o Telecom
- 10. Shri Sada Kant, Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Border Management, MHA.
- 11. Shri R.C. Meena, Economic Adviser, M/o HRD
- 12. Shri Anil Bamba, Director, Deptt. of Commerce
- 13. Shri Anil Jain, General Manager, BSNL, M/o Communication.

State Governments

- 14. Shri B. Talukdar, Dy. RC, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
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- 16. Shri B. Rynjah, Joint Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Assam.
- 17. Shri W.L. Hangshing, Commissioner, Govt. of Manipur.
- 18. Shri S.P. Singh, Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Mizoram.
- 19. Shri R.P. Meena, Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Tripura

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Record of discussions of the meeting chaired by Secretary, DoNER on Look East Policy.

Date and Time : 1st September, 2009 at 3.00 P.M

Venue : Committee Room, M/o DoNER

List of Participants

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- 6. Shri R.P. Meena, Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Tripura
- 7. Shri S.P. Singh, Resident Commissioner, Mizoram
- 8. Shri M.K. Mero, OSD, Govt. of Nagaland
- 9. Shri W. Kenye, DRC Nagaland House
- 10. Ms. Esther Lalrvatkimi, Secretary, T&C, govt. of Mizoram
- 11. Ms. S.R. Marak, ARC, Meghalaya
- 12. Ms. N. Kulkarani Devi, SRO (Plg.), Govt. of Manipur

Invitees from Chamber of Commerce & Industries

- 13. Shri Sunil Patel, Head-North , Indian Chamber of Commerce
- 14. Shri Bhargav B. Bhuyan, Indian Chamber of Commerce
- 15. Ms. Indrani Kaur, Sr. Director, Confederation of Indian Industries(CII)
- 16. Shri G.D. Sharma, Head, South Asia, CII
- 17. Lt. Col. (Retd.) R.K. Verma, Director, CII
- 18. Shri Manish Mohan, Joint Director, FICCI
- 19. Shri A. Bhatia, Resident Representative, FINER

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