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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary of principal activities undertaken and important decisions taken during the month of April, 2021 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 April , 2021 is hereby circulated for information.


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Encl. As above.

To

All Members of the Council of Ministers.

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Monthly summary of principal activities of and important decisions taken in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region during the month of April, 2021.

1. Important policy decisions taken and major activities during the month

1.1 A meeting of Consultative Committee of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region(MDoNER) was held on 08.04.2021 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER on "Review of North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme(NESIDS) and Special packages in NER. Utilisation of 10% GBS in NER by Non-exempted Central Ministries/Departments and various other issues related to development of North Eastern Region were also discussed during the meeting . Hon'ble Minister informed the Members of Consultative Committee that more than Rs 250 crore had been sanctioned by the Ministry of DoNER for augmenting healthcare facilities in the eight North-Eastern States for effective management of COVID-19. He also apprised the Members about certain important initiatives like separate NEC Budget for deprived sections and neglected areas, which was a long pending demand from the region and assured that issues like connectivity, flood control, rain harvesting system, tourism, infrastructure development, telecommunications, residential schools and other related demands would be taken up on priority basis in the coming days.

Shri Abdul Khaleque, MP (Assam), Lok Sabha, Shri C. Lal Rosanga, MP (Mizoram), Lok Sabha (through VC), Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, MP (Manipur), Lok Sabha, Shri Ramprit Mandal, MP (Bihar), Lok Sabh, Shri Rebati Tripura, MP (Tripura), Lok Sabha , Shri Tapir Gao, MP (Arunachal Pradesh), Lok Sabha, Shri Nabam Rebia, MP (Arunachal Pradesh), Rajya Sabha, Secretary & Senior Officers from MDoNER, Heads of Organizations Under MDoNER (through VC) and Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, representatives from Railway, MoCA, MoH& FW, MORTH, MoPS& WW, IWAI, DoSE&L, DoT participated in the meeting.

1.2 On 15.04.2021 Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh while speaking on 'Sustainable Livelihoods: Investing in Women for a New India' at the 37th Annual Session organized online by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)-FLO said that Northeast had a rich tradition of women entrepreneurship and always took a lead as far as the women Self Help Groups (SHGs) are concerned. He called upon women organizations like FICCI-FLO to come forward and contribute to promote women entrepreneurship in Bamboo industry. He expressed confidence that just as Northeast today has emerged as a role model for the rest of India, Northeast women are going to be a role model for their women counterparts in other parts of India.

1.3 Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh also addressed the "Amazon Sambhav online Summit" on the theme "Unlocking Infinite Possibilities for India" on 16/04/2021. Lauding the Amazon's new initiative titled "Northeast Spotlight", Hon'ble Minister said that when all the known conventional resources and potentials across the country appeared to have got saturated or exhausted, Northeast will still have something to offer and that gives it a pivotal role in the times to come. He said that in the aftermath of COVID, all the stakeholders and policy planners will have to give a special focus to small and medium businesses as well as the sustainability of new or recent Start-Ups.

1.4 Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh flagged off India Russia Friendship Car Rally 2021 event which was organized by International Friendship Car Rally Association, IFCRA on 16.04.2021. This was the 5th IFCRA edition and there were 14 participants from IFCRA India representing the North East. The event was sponsored by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and supported by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Ministry of External Affairs. Speaking after the flag-off ceremony, Dr Jitendra Singh said that Russia has been a reliable partner of India and joint sporting events will further strengthen the bonds of friendship. He said that diplomatic, social and cultural ties with Russia scaled new heights under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

1.5 Regional Consultation with the key officials of all the eight NE States was jointly organized by MDoNER, NITI Aayog and UNDP during 12-14 April 2021 at Shillong, Meghalaya to finalize North Eastern Region District Indicator Framework (NERDIF) with district-wise data and build up the NER SDG Index thereon. Deputy CM, Meghalaya, Chief Secretary, Meghalaya, Secretary, MDoNER, Secretary, NEC and other Senior officers from MDoNER and NEC, representatives from UNDP and NITI Aayog participated in the event. Based on the discussion and inputs from the participants from the States, the revised NERDIF has been finalized and communicated to the NE States by NITI Aayog for filling up data sets of NERDIF for all the districts and sharing the same with NITI Aayog/UNDP.

1.6 Secretary, MDoNER took a review meeting with the Chief Secretary and other Senior Officers of State Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh on 12.04.2021 at Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh. Senior officers from MDoNER and NEC also participated in the meeting. Issues like timely submission of proposals & UCs for earlier releases for Optimum Utilization of 10% GBS and implementation status of various projects under MDoNER and NEC Schemes were discussed in the said meeting.

1.7 Secretary, MDoNER reviewed the status of decisions made in the Review Meeting held in January, 2021 with Secretary, NEC and other Senior Officers of NEC on 13.04.2021 at Shillong, Meghalaya.

1.8 Senior Officers' meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER was held on 20.04.2021 through Video Conference to review the status of progress of important activities of MDoNER. Senior Officers of NEC and Heads of other Organizations under MDoNER also attended the meeting.

1.9 Funds amounting to Rs.129.93 cr were released to the NE States under various Schemes implemented by MDoNER/NEC. This includes the following important projects:

- i. Upgradation of Moirang Sendra Road upto Sendra Hillock and Road from Moirang Sendra Road to Omba Hillock and Keina Bazar on Moirang Khunou to Thanga Keibul Road-8.50 km for promoting Tourism Bishnupur in Manipur.
- ii. Project "Construction of six overhead Tank & ground sump & necessary pipelines in the Thongju and its adjoining areas in Imphal East District for promoting Tourism" in Manipur.
- iii. Construction of road from Nakhu to Sanchipam under Nafra Circle, West Kameng district.
- iv. Construction of 6 nos. bridges to provide connectivity to Palling Administrative HQ, Palling with district HQ in Arunachal Pradesh.
- v. Anti Erosion work along Menchang river to protect khinmey, Bomdir, Paighar, Dharamkang, Yuibu villages in Tawang District, Arunachal Pradesh.
- vi. Tea Processing Centre under integrated Horti/Agri.
- vii. 9th Mile(on East West Corridor in Assam) to Umsen via Killing Pilangkata Road(29.87 km), Meghalaya.
- viii. Mukroh-Umspar-Jrikyndeng Road(15.52 km), Meghalaya.

1.10 Based on the support from MDoNER, Screening Committee of Department of Economic Affairs in its 116th Meeting held on 26.04.2021 has decided to pose/approve the following EAP proposal for external funding:

Government of Tripura:

- i. Capacity Development for the Agartala City urban Development Project.
(Technical Assistance from ADB)
