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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary of principal activities undertaken and important decisions taken during the month of August, 2020 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 August, 2020 is hereby circulated for information.


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Encl. As above.

To

All Members of the Council of Ministers.

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- iii. PPS to The Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, NITI Bhawan, New Delhi.
- iv. The Secretaries to the Government of India.
- v. Ms. Rachna Shah, Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

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- iv. PPS to Secretary, DoNER.

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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 August, 2020.

1.1 Major activities/Key decisions pertaining to COVID-19:

On 26th August, 2020, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER interacted with NERAMAC officials and FPOs and said that with the support of Government and investment from Business Houses, Agro Sector in North East will certainly help in post COVID Economic Recovery of India. He said that lucrative offers for setting up of industries like Fruit Concentrates and Fruit juice plants were received and the same can be executed at the earliest. He praised NERAMAC for helping the farmers through procurement during the lockdown period and thus avoiding distress sales and asked the organization to scale up their operations. Secretary, MDoNER, Secretary NEC, and other Senior Officers of MDoNER attended the meet through VC.

1.2 On 2nd August, 2020, as a unique initiative of Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER, members of Self Help Groups from North Eastern States tied Rakhi to Jawans from armed and paramilitary forces whose battalions or companies are deployed in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on the eve of Raksha Bandhan festival. In the event, Hon'ble Minister lauded the talent and commitment of women of SHGs. The event was coordinated by SHGs from North East and supported by MDoNER and its Organizations - NEC & NERCORMP. Secretary, MDoNER and Additional Secretary, MDoNER also attended the event.

1.3 On 28th August, 2020 Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER chaired a Review Meeting through video conference which was attended by Secretary, MDoNER, Special Secretary, MDoNER, Secretary, NEC, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and other Senior Officers of MDoNER/NEC. During the meeting the Hon'ble Minister said that bamboo clusters in Jammu, Katra and Samba areas will be developed to provide job opportunities to 25,000 people in enterprises like Basket, Charcoal and Agarbatti making. He informed that soon a team of MDoNER will visit Jammu and explore a field training programme for Bamboo farming in the region. He stated that the North Eastern States will help the artisans of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to better their economic conditions and also assist in commercial exploitation of bamboo grown in the region.

1.4 Senior Officers' meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDONER was held on 11.08.2020 through Video Conference to review the status of progress of important activities of MDONER. Secretary, NEC and Senior Officer of NEC also attended the Meeting.

1.5 A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Special Secretary, Ministry of DoNER on 10.08.2020 through Video Conferencing (VC) to discuss the progress of Agartala-Akhura Rail Link Project with representatives from Government of Tripura, Ministry of External Affairs, Indian High Commission (Dhaka), M/o Railways, NITI Aayog, IRCON and North East Council. The utility has been shifted. It was assured by the Principal Secretary, Government of Tripura that the road issues will be resolved, so that the diversion Plan does not impede the progress of this important Project.

1.6 To discuss the identification of activities/schemes/projects for cooperation for South Asian Partners with Ministry of External Affairs, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary, MDoNER on 18.08.2020 through Video Conferencing (VC). In pursuance of "Neighbourhood First Policy" which accords high priority to international cooperation. NEC will take forward the training of professionals/civilians from neighbouring countries at Shillong Regional Campus of the English and Foreign Language University (EFLU), Hyderabad. Further training tie up will also be explored by Cane and Bamboo Training Centre (CBTC).

1.7 Funds amounting to Rs.153.12 crore were released to the NE States under various Schemes implemented by MDoNER and NEC. This includes the following important projects :

- i. Construction of 132 KV S/C line on D/C tower from Bairabi to W. Phaileng via Mamit with associated bays in Mizoram.
- ii. Tele-education project-Establishment of Smart Virtual Classrooms in Aspirational Districts in NER.
- iii. Construction of 132 KV S/C Transmission Line from 132 KV Ambassa substation to Gandacherra Substation, Tripura.
- iv. Road Project in Mizoram(Tranche-2) - "Serchhip to Buarpuì"
- v. Interest free loan to NEDFI for the period 2020-21 to be utilized for onlending to the micro & small enterprises and to the micro finance sector in the un-served/ underserved areas of NER at a concessional rate of interest.
