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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Monthly summary of principal activities undertaken and important decisions taken during the month of July, 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 July 2020 is hereby circulated for information.

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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 July 2020.**

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

(i) The following two projects were sanctioned under NESIDS in the State of Assam and Nagaland for strengthening health infrastructure for combating COVID-19 outbreak in the States:-

a. Project "Upgradation of 24 numbers of existing district hospitals for setting up of ICUs for treatment of COVID-19 patients in Assam" at cost of Rs. 97.49 cr.

b. Project "Strengthening health Infrastructure for Comprehensive response to possible Outbreak of COVID19 in Nagaland" at cost of Rs. 17.96 cr.

(ii) An amount of Rs.46.17 cr. was released for:

a. Strengthening health infrastructure for comprehensive response to possible outbreak of COVID-19 in Nagaland (Rs. 7.18 cr.).

b. Upgradation of 24 numbers of existing district hospitals for setting up of ICUs for treatment of COVID-19 patients in Assam (Rs. 38.99 cr.)

1.2 On 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER interacted with various Self Help Groups associated with North Eastern Region Community Resource and management program (NERCORMP) through a Webinar and said that NE region will take a lead for India to emerge as an economic power with the support of its huge natural and human skill recourses in the Post-COVID era. He said that women power of NE region is taking a lead in all spheres of economic activity due to successful management of Corona Pandemic. Senior Officers from North Eastern Council, Shillong also participated in the Webinar.

1.3 On 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER addressed a webinar with various clusters of Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC) and persons associated with Bamboo Trade. He said that Bamboo is not only vital to North East India's Post -COVID economy but it will also herald a new momentum for Hon'ble Prime Minister's Clarion call of "Vocal for Local". He

gave the mantra of "Create, Curate and Coordinate" for the Bamboo sector for its full exploitation, branding, packaging and marketing in India and abroad. Hon'ble MoS, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Minority Affairs and Hon'ble MoS, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Secretary, MDoNER, Special Secretary, MDoNER, Secretary, NEC & MD, CBTC also attended the webinar.

1.4 On 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER attended e-inauguration of "Zoram Mega Food Park" in Mizoram by Hon'ble Minister of Food Processing Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal as a Guest of Honour. The Hon'ble Minister said that Zoram Mega Food Park will help in doubling the income of farmers in the area by doing away with the middlemen.

1.5 On 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER delivered the keynote address on Cross-border Conversations with entrepreneurs from ASEAN organized by India ASEAN Women's Business Forum and FLO Mumbai chapter and FICCI. The Hon'ble Minister said that India and ASEAN will play a lead role in the Post-COVID World Economic Recovery.

1.6 On 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER interacted with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, and offered all possible flood assistance from Ministry of DoNER to restore and repair infrastructure damages caused by incessant rains, floods and landslides. He informed CM, Assam that Central Govt. is constantly monitoring the flood situation in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and other affected States in the North East.

1.7 On 30<sup>th</sup> July 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; Secretary, DPIIT; Secretary, M/o Sports; CEO, Invest India; Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and other Senior Officers of MDoNER/NEC. Emphasizing the importance of Bamboo sector, Hon'ble Minister said that Bamboo sector will be one of the important components of India's Post-COVID economy and a vital pillar of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan in the North Eastern Region. He urged the Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC) to explore setting up of Vocational Training and Skill Development Centres for Bamboo sector for its full exploitation, branding, packaging and marketing in India and abroad.

1.8 Senior Officers' meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDONER was held on 14th July, 2020 through Video Conference to review the status of progress of important activates of MDONER. Secretary, NEC and Senior Officer of NEC also attended the Meeting.

1.9 SFC/DIB/IMC meeting was held on 15.07.2020 through Video Conference to consider the following proposals under "Schemes of NEC":

- (i) Construction of NEC Convention Centre at Sector-13, Dwarka, New Delhi.
- (ii) Construction of NEC Guest House at Guwahati, Assam

(iii) Establishment of Animal Breeding and GLP Accredited biological Screening Toxicology Centre for Herbal Medicines of NE Region.

1.10 Embassy of India, Japan organized a Webinar on Investment opportunities in Eastern and North Eastern India for Japanese Companies followed by a B2B session on 22nd July, 2020. While Government of Assam made a presentation on investment opportunities in Assam, MDoNER highlighted the opportunities in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim and Tripura. Government of Sikkim presented IT opportunities in Sikkim and several entrepreneurs participated in the B2B session and presented their companies.

1.11 Funds amounting to Rs.152.98 crore were released to the NE States under various Schemes implemented by MDoNER and NEC. This includes for following important projects :

- i. Laying of new feeder mains under Tura Phase-I & II Water Supply Scheme in Meghalaya (Rs.20.84 cr.)
- ii. Construction of Margherita-Dcomali Road in Arunachal Pradesh
- iii. Extension of NERCORMP-III
- iv. Road Project in Assam (Tranche-2) Tamulpur to Paneri (AS-02) and Paneri to Udalguri (AS-03) alongwith Major bridges , 5 nos. {4nos. on Tamulpur to Paneri (AS -02) and 1 no. on Paneri to Udalguri (AS -03)} (Rs 43.81 cr.)

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