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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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


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Encl. As above.

To

All Members of the Council of Ministers.

Copy with enclosure also forwarded to:

- i. The Secretary to the Hon'ble President, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
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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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- iii. Senior Technical Director, NIC, Ministry of DoNER for uploading on the website of the Ministry.
- 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 May, 2021.

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

1.1 In a review meeting on 3.05.2021 with Senior Offices of MDoNER and Heads of Organizations under MDoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (I/C), MDoNER said that Ministry of DoNER is taking proactive steps in supplementing and augmenting the COVID related infrastructure including Oxygen Plants in all the North-Eastern States. It was informed that an oxygen plant has been set up in Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh with financial support provided by MDoNER and efforts are on to set up many more plants in remote and far-flung areas of other NE States. MDoNER is also actively considering the proposal of Arunachal Government for five mobile oxygen vans at a cost of 5 crore rupees.

1.2 On 11th May, 2021, Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (I/C), MDoNER took a review meeting with Chief Secretaries, Health Secretaries, Planning Secretaries of North Eastern States and Central Government officers on COVID preparedness in NE States and stated that MDoNER is pro-actively assisting all the 8 NE States to fight the second wave of COVID-19 effectively. He informed that Japan and UNDP have partnered to provide 8 oxygen generation plants to ensure uninterrupted Oxygen supply at hospitals in the North East and assured that NE States will get their fair share from foreign aid pouring in India. He stated that the fund of Rs 369 Crore disbursed last year by MDoNER for 14 Health and COVID related projects had helped significantly to ramp up health infrastructure including purchase of new equipment and now all the States are better prepared to fight the pandemic. He stated that the issues like shortage of Oxygen, Vaccines and essential drugs like Remdesivir raised by NE States will be personally take up by him with the Union Health Minister. He appealed to the people not to hoard oxygen and essential drugs as Precaution Not Panic is the main mantra to fight the COVID. He also underlined the need for Community management of the pandemic by roping in Youth, Civil Society, religious heads and Women Self Help Groups to create awareness among the common man.

1.3 On 20th May, 2021, Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (I/C), MDoNER chaired a meeting on COVID awareness programme for officers & staff at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi during which besides discussing practical aspects related to pandemic, a video presentation was also made. During the programme, Dr. Singh advised for professional medical consultation for infected persons and warned against self-styled remedy to

treat COVID-19. He advised not to share information on COVID remedies without checking the facts. Laying stress on speedy vaccination for all the 18 plus officers and staff of MDoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh directed the senior officers to organize special vaccination camp in the Ministry at the earliest in a people-friendly manner. He also asked them to explore the possibilities of vaccination of family members and staff at such camp. A senior resident doctor from AIIMS made a detailed presentation before the officers and staff about COVID Protocols like Masks, Social Distancing and Hand Hygiene and other safety measures and made a plea for early vaccination, without unnecessarily worrying about the type of vaccine, which he termed is a guaranteed protection against the virulence of infection.

1.4 On 25th May, 2021, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble MoS (I/C), MDoNER convened an urgent meeting of Health Secretaries of all North Eastern States to review COVID preparedness. The meeting was also attended by Secretary, MDoNER, Secretary, NEC and Joint Secretary in-charge of NER in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Expressing concern over rising number of cases in many states, the Minister called for strict containment and confidence building measures. He stated that he is in constant touch with the CMs of all the 8 NE States and whatever help is sought from the States is being promptly provided from the Centre. He asked the North Eastern States to send COVID and Health related proposals on a priority basis and promised for speedy disposal of such proposals at the Centre. He said, the Ministry of DoNER and NEC are taking proactive steps in supplementing and augmenting the COVID related infrastructure in NER region.

1.5 A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between MDoNER and NITI Aayog on 27th May 2021 for developing SDG Index for 8 NE States at district level and Dynamic Dashboard.

1.6 Senior Officers' meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER was held on 10.05.2021 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.

1.7 Funds amounting to Rs 189.67 cr. were released to the NE States under various Schemes implemented by MDoNER/NEC. This includes the following important projects:

- i. Project 'Construction of RCC Bridge over river Aie at Aie Powali including approach & protection work in Chirang District in Assam.
- ii. Project 'Improvement / Special Infrastructure development of JSB Civil Hospital in Chirang District, Assam.
- iii. Project 'Construction of Road from Birla (Taralangso) to Rongkimi near NH-36 including RCC Br. No.24/1 (L=25.00Km).

- iv. Project 'Improvement of Road from Bashbari to Gossaigaon via Dingdinga (DK Road) in Assam.
- v. Engaging local vibrant NGO for community mobilisation and institutional building under integrated Horti/Agri. in Manipur.
- vi. Road projects in two states viz. Manipur: Tupul to Bishnupur (MN-06 –CW-1); Thoubal to KasomKhullen and Mizoram: Serchhip to Buarpui (MZ-02).
- vii. Establishment of STINER-Common Facility Centre(CFC) at CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat for Science and Technology Intervention in North East India(STINER).
