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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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


(Jaya Shah) 23/12/2020

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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 November 2020.

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

1.1 On 08.11.2020, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim, Prem Singh Tamang called on Hon'ble MoS(I/C), MDoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh and discussed several centrally aided development projects in the State. He also conveyed his gratitude to the Minister for the manner in which the latter had regularly followed on day-to-day basis, the COVID situation in the State as well as relief and rehabilitation work following the rainfall and floods. He also updated the Hon'ble Minister about the heavy tourist rush in Sikkim which had remained undeterred by the COVID pandemic and continuing even during the off-season.

1.2 On 19.11.2020, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Mr. Conrad Sangma met Hon'ble MoS(I/C), MDoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh and discussed issues related to the State as well as Centrally funded development projects. He placed some proposals before Hon'ble Minister for consideration under the Schemes of MDoNER to which, Hon'ble Minister assured him that he will get these proposals examined. Dr Jitendra Singh noted with appreciation the decision to start direct air flight for Shillong from Delhi from next month and said that it will not only bring ease of travel but also promote tourism in the State. Mr. Sangma appreciated the manner in which MDoNER has been forthcoming to accommodate the priorities of the State government. The issue of allocation of funds and possibilities of enhancing the budget also came up for discussion.

1.3 On 20.11.2020, Ambassador of France to India, Emmanuel Lenain called on Hon'ble MoS(I/C), MDoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh and discussed potential projects in North Eastern States and conveyed that the Government of France desires to explore the avenues and opportunities of collaboration in different sectors in the North Eastern States as well as tourism and other potentials in Jammu & Kashmir. Hon'ble Minister briefed him about the collaborative initiatives of Govt. in North East and said that Hon'ble PM has not only given special emphasis to the development of the North Eastern region but also reoriented "Look East Policy" into "Act-East" policy and taken a number of steps to increase engagement with the countries across the eastern borders.

1.4 On 05.11.2020 Secretary, M/o DoNER chaired a meeting to review the progress under Aspirational Districts Programme in 14 Aspirational Districts of North Eastern Region over video conferencing which was attended by Central Prabhari Officers, Chief Nodal Officers, Nodal Officers and District Collectors of concerned District with their teams.

1.5 As a follow up of PMO review meeting taken by Principal Adviser to Hon'ble PM on 22.09.2020 for NER on Major Infrastructure Projects, New initiatives and PM's announcement, Secretary, Ministry of DoNER held meetings (through VC) with Secretaries of all the concerned line Ministries/Departments as well as Chairman Railway Board and Chief Secretaries of concerned States on 10.11.2020 & 12.11.2020 to discuss pending issues pertaining to their respective Ministry/Department/State and to resolve them expeditiously.

1.6 A meeting of the Monitoring Group to evaluate the Status of progress achieved on list of bills on which rules are yet to be framed, announcement by P.M., Foundation stones of Projects laid down by P.M., and Budget Announcement from 2014-15 was held on 30th November, 2020, through VC, under the Chairmanship of MOS, Ministry of Shipping and Shri Bhaskar Khulbe, Adviser to PM. Shri K. Moses Chalai, Secretary, NEC made presentation on the targets/achievements regarding the announcement made by PM on behalf of MDoNER. Senior officers from MDoNER also attended the meeting.

1.7. Senior Officers' meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER was held on 09.11.2020 through Video Conference to review the status of progress of important activities of MDoNER. Secretary, NEC, Senior Officers of NEC and Heads of other Organizations under MDoNER also attended the meeting

1.8 Funds amounting to Rs.164.42 crore were released to the NE States under various Schemes implemented by MDoNER/NEC. This includes the following important projects :

- I. Construction of 220 K/V F/C Transmission Line from Dimapur to Zadima.
- II. Construction of two lane balanced cantilever bridge over river Kanaka at KayumDzongu in North Sikkim.
- III. Construction including MBT of Pynursla-Latangriwan road towards Mawlynnong.
- IV. Alternate Gravity Water Supply Scheme of Aizawl, Mizoram

V. Three road projects in Assam, Mizoram and Tripura viz. Assam Road project - Kalitakuchi to Barpeta (AS-37C); Mizoram Road Project - Serchhip to Buarpui (MZ-02); and Udaipur to Melaghar (TR-02).

VI. Setting up of Cane and Bamboo Technology Park at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

VII. Livelihood Generation for returned Migrant Workers due to pandemic outbreak COVID-19," to the state of Tripura.

1.9. Based on the support from MDoNER, Screening Committee of Department of Economic Affairs in its 112th Meeting held on 25.11.2020 has decided to pose the following EAP proposals for external funding :

(i). Government of Assam:

(a) Improvement of two lane Karimganj - Sutarkhandi section (Length = 14km) of NH-37. [Loan Assistance from ADB]

(ii). Government of Assam and Meghalaya:

(a) Four Laning of Krishnai to Guwahati section of NH-17 and Guwahati to Jorabat section of NH-27 (length = 140km). [Loan Assistance from ADB]

(b) Four Laning of Shillong Badarpur section (Length = 220km) of NH-06. [Loan Assistance from ADB]

(iii). Government of Tripura:

(a) Four Laning of Churaibari - Agartala section (length = 190km) of NH-08. [Loan Assistance from ADB]
