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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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



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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 December 2020.

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

1.1 Hon'ble MoS(I/C), MDoNER, Dr. Jitendra Singh attended 8th edition of North East Festival (held virtually) as the Chief Guest on 19.12.2020. Speaking on the occasion, Hon'ble Minister said that North Eastern Region will emerge as an economic power with the support of its huge natural and human skill resources and will work as "new engine" to the economy. He hoped that NE region will emerge as an alternative to the European tourist destinations by virtually remaining pandemic free, when other parts of the world were infested with COVID virus. He also said that Hon'ble PM has changed the policy of "Look East" to "Act East" to take the bilateral cooperation to newer heights. Now North East has a special role to play in the promotion of trade and business relations with ASEAN as it is the gateway to the growing economies of South East Asian Nations. Chief Ministers of Assam, Tripura, Manipur, Sikkim and Senior Ministers and Officials of the North Eastern States and Union Foreign Secretary, Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla attended the event.

1.2 On 30.12.2020, Hon'ble MoS(I/C), MDoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh reviewed the functioning of the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC). He said that North East's first-ever specialized "Ginger" Processing Plant at district Ri-Bhoui in Meghalaya, which has been non functional for many years, is being revived by NARAMAC. Steps to operationalise the plant through PPP mode have been initiated and it is likely to become functional very soon.

1.3 As a follow up of PMO meeting held on 22.09.2020 under the Chairmanship of Principal Adviser to Hon'ble PM to review major Infrastructure Projects, New initiatives and PM's announcement, Secretary, MDoNER held meeting (through VC) with Secretaries of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Road Transport & Highways and External Affairs Ministries, Secretary, NEC, Chief Secretaries of concerned NER States, MD, Assam Bio Refinery, Chairman, NHAI, CMDs of NHIDCL and IRCON etc. on 21.12.2020. During the meeting pending issues relating to Bio Refinery Plant,

Numaligarh, North East Gas Grid (NEGG) Project, 5 Major Road Projects in NE, international projects implemented by M/o External Affairs were discussed. State wise issues relating to NESIDS, NLCPR, HADP, Special Packages, SIDF Schemes and NEC Schemes were also discussed.

1.4 Secretary, MDoNER, Special Secretary MDoNER, Secretary, NEC and other Senior Officers of MDoNER gave evidence before the Estimates Committee on the subject "Estimates and Policy Aspects of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region" on 22.12.2020 and presented MDoNER's policies and function in terms of expenditure and utilization of funds before the Committee.

1.5 24th meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee was held on 22.12.2020 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER for consideration of project proposals received from North Eastern States for selection/sanction under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS). The meeting was Co-chaired by Chief Secretaries of concerned States. During the meeting, the committee deliberated on the following:-

- (a) Project proposals received from State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura for sanction;
- (b) Project proposals received from State Governments of Nagaland and Tripura for selection;
- (c) Two projects of State Government of Arunachal Pradesh and one project of State Government of Meghalaya for change in scope of work

1.6 Secretary, NEC and Economic Adviser, MDoNER attended "North East India - Indo-Pacific Virtual Investor Summit organized by Invest India on 02.12.2020 through Video Conference. Secretary, North Eastern Council (NEC) highlighted the investment opportunities in North Eastern Region. All the 8 states of NE made presentation on investment opportunities in NE in various sectors viz. Food Processing, Agro-Processing, Tourism etc., in the said summit.

1.7 Funds amounting to Rs. 363.26 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 of Rajkumari Dishrudi Community Home Stay and Ecotourism at Panimul in Dima Hasao District of Assam

(iv) Project "M & BT and Construction from UmkhirmiSomaton to Mukroh.

(v) Construction of Agartala (India)-Akhaura (Bangladesh) new rail link project (length-5.46 Km)

(vi) Construction of Marketing Complex Building of NERAMAC at Six Miles at Guwahati, Assam

(vii) Two road projects in Mizoram and Manipur viz. Mizoram Road Project - Serchhip to Buarpui and Manipur Road Project - Tupul to Bishnupur and Thoubal to KasomKhullen

1.8 Based on the support from MDoNER, Screening Committee of Department of Economic Affairs in its 113th Meeting held on 23.12.2020 decided to pose the following proposals for external funding:

(i) Government of Meghalaya:

(a) Technical Assistance for accompanying measures for Farmer Mobilization project . [Loan assistance from KFW.]

(ii) Government of Manipur:

(a) Manipur IT-SEZ. [Loan assistance from World Bank.]
