OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary of principal activities undertaken and important decisions taken during the month of February, 2019 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 February, 2019 is hereby circulated for information.

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Encl. As above.

To
All Members of the Council of Ministers.

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

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ii. Senior Technical Director, NIC, Ministry of DoNER for uploading on the website of the Ministry.
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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 February, 2019.

1.0 Principal activities and the important decisions:

1.1 As part of Inter-ministerial delegation of Ministry of External Affairs, officers from Ministry of DoNER and North Eastern Council visited Indian and Bangladesh portion of Agartala-Akhaura Rail Link project site on 19th February, 2019. The Agartala-Akhaura Rail Link is jointly funded by Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of DoNER to connect Bangladesh Railways with Agartala(Tripura) in North Eastern Region. During the visit, issues and action to be taken by various stakeholders were identified for speedier implementation of the project.

1.2 An Inter-ministerial meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER on 25.02.2019 to consider proposal for building four bridges across the river Tiau and Kolodyne river in Mizoram. It was decided that Hnahlan (in Champhai district) may be prioritized as first location, in view of relative volume of trade, population size and distance from Zokhawthar land immigration check-post.

1.3 Ministry of DoNER keeps track of expenditure under earmarked 10% expenditure in the NER by non-exempted Ministries. As per PFMS data, the expenditure till 28th February, 2019 is Rs.27,944.91 crore (consisting of release against Central Sector Scheme and Centrally Sponsored Scheme) against the earmarked allocation (BE) of Rs.47,087.95 crore for the 2018-19.

1.4 Ministry of DoNER through North Eastern Council supported and participated in the North East Festival, Bangkok, Thailand from 08.02.2019 to 10.02.2019.

1.5 A GIZ CCA-NER and IKI Biodiv meeting was held on 12.02.2019 to discuss working and operational plan of 2nd phase of GIZ.

1.6 A total amount of Rs. 8.24 crore has been released to state governments under NLCPR Scheme during February, 2019.

1.7 13th & 14th meetings of Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) on NESIDS held on 22nd & 25th February, 2019 respectively under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER, where the following recommendations have been made:

a) Five projects of Nagaland with total estimated cost of Rs. 97.66 crore have been selected for consideration for funding under NESIDS in 13th meeting of IMC.

b) Two projects of Assam with total estimated cost of Rs. 42 crore have been selected for consideration for funding under NESIDS in 14th meeting of IMC.

c) Two projects of Arunachal Pradesh of total cost of Rs. 40.83 crore have been recommended for sanction by 13th IMC Meeting of NESIDS.
d) Two projects of Meghalaya of total cost of Rs. 70 crore and one project of Mizoram of total cost of Rs. 28.98 crore have been recommended for sanction by 14th IMC Meeting of NESIDS.

1.8 A review meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER regarding action plans of CPSEs emerging out of CPSE Conclave 2018 and uploading the status of the same in DRISHTI Dashboard on 26.02.2019.

1.9 Secretary, MDoNER visited Imphal, Manipur during 08.02.2019 to 09.02.2019 to attend World Bamboo Workshop, 2019 during which he held discussion with Chief Secretary, Manipur on Hill Area Development Programme (HADP). He also visited Tamenglong District along with Chief Secretary, Manipur; Principal Secretary (Planning) and Commissioner (Planning) and held discussion on various projects recommended in the 1st Meeting of Project Identification Committee (PIC) under HADP pilot held on 08.01.2019.

1.10 A meeting of the Empowered Committee to consider application for registration of the units under North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS), 2017, held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, was attended by concerned officer from this Ministry. In the meeting 10 proposals were considered and 7 approved for registration from the State of Assam and Sikkim.

1.11 5th meeting of the Project Approval and Monitoring Committee (PAMC) under ‘Promotion of MSMEs in NE Region and Sikkim’ held on 7th February, 2019 under the chairmanship of Secretary, MSME was attended by concerned officer in this Ministry.

1.12 4th Project Identification Committee (PIC) meeting held on 22.02.2019 under the chairmanship of Secretary, NEC recommended for enabling 481 schools and 9 DIET’s with tele-education facility across 8 states of North East India as a pilot project and it will concentrate only 14 Aspirational Districts of North East States.

1.13 An amount of Rs.671.69 lakh was released for three projects of North Eastern Council under the sectors viz. IFC & WSM, Medical & Health Sector, HRD&E sector. Under HRD&E and T&C, 2 projects each were closed respectively.

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