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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary of principal activities undertaken and important decisions taken during the month of January, 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 January 2021 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 January 2021.

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

1.1 69th Plenary of the North Eastern Council (23rd January- 24th January, 2021): The two-day, 69th Plenary of the North Eastern Council was Chaired by the Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah. Vice-Chairman of NEC, MoS(I/C), MDoNER, His/Her Excellency Governors and Hon'ble Chief Ministers of North Eastern States, Secretary, MDoNER, other Senior Officers of MDoNER and other Ministries/Departments of Government of India & State Governments attended the Plenary. It focused on all-round developmental plans for the North-Eastern Region and discussed about the progresses made so far of the various projects that have been implemented in the region. Augmenting investments and improving rankings on ease of doing business also got deliberated upon prominently. In various technical sessions, discussion centered on the developmental projects related to livelihood, entrepreneurship, infrastructure, connectivity and other related areas in the North-East.

During the Occasion, presentations were made by the senior officers of various Ministries and Departments of the Central Government. Hon'ble MoS (I/C), MDoNER requested to the Secretaries of the Ministries to offer all possible assistance to the states of the North East. He also urged all the States to utilize the funds that have been allotted by various Ministries so that the benefits of the schemes reach to the last person. He stated that the rate of utilization of funds under NEC has been encouraging and hoped that funds under other Ministries allotted to the region shall also be brought to optimum utilization.

1.2 MoS (I/C), MDoNER, Dr. Jitendra Singh addressed the Asia Pacific Youth Exchange (APYE) meet along with the Vice President of the Republic of Philippines, Maria Leonor Gerona Robredo and the Chief Minister of Mizoram Zoramthanga on 30.01.2021. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that NER is surrounded by international borders and serves as India's gateway to the East. He said that if India has to successfully engage with the countries across the eastern borders, it must have a strong basis in the areas proximal to eastern borders which comprise the North Eastern States.

1.3 MoS (I/C), MDoNER, Dr. Jitendra Singh discussed implementation of new National Education Policy (NEP) in North East with Shri Shishir Bajoria, Chairman, Shri Atul Chandrakant Kulkari, Member Board of Governors and

other representatives of IIM Shillong, on 28.01.2021. Hailing the National Education Policy, brought by the Union Ministry of Education with the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as the biggest path-breaking reform in India since independence, the Minister said that the new policy is not only progressive and visionary but is also in keeping with the emerging needs and requirements of 21st century India. He urged to the educationists in the North Eastern region to work out a comprehensive and effective plan to make use of the best practices incorporated in the National Education Policy for the benefit of the students in Northeast by overcoming the peculiar constraints of the region.

1.4 The new Director General, Border Road Organization (BRO), Lt General Rajeev Chaudhry briefed Hon'ble MoS (I/C), MDoNER, Dr. Jitendra Singh about the various ongoing and proposed road and bridge projects in Jammu & Kashmir and North East on 05.01.2021. Hon'ble Minister received an update about BRO projects in different NE States, particularly about four road projects funded by the North Eastern Council (NEC) under the aegis of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region in Mizoram and two BRO projects in Manipur.

1.5 A team of Senior State Officers, on 21.01.2021, briefed Hon'ble MoS (I/C), MDoNER about the proposed Film City in the vicinity of Gangtok, Sikkim, in an area measuring over 10 acres with an Acting School, different kinds of Film Sets as well as Artificial Sets, Ramps for fashion events, Miniplex Cinema, Amphi Theatre, Mobile Theatre, Concert Halls, Recreation Park, Editing Studios, Sound Studios, etc.

1.6 Hon'bel MoS (I/C), MDoNER gave an update on the "North East Venture Fund (NEVF)" the first and the only dedicated Venture Fund for the North Eastern Region on 11.01.2021. The Venture Fund Scheme launched by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region intended to promote growth of business ventures and skill development in the region. The fund targets to invest in Start-Ups and unique business opportunities to provide resources for new entrepreneurship.

1.7 6th Meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee on Air Connectivity for upscaling Tourism and Commerce & Trade in NER chaired by Secretary, MDoNER was held on 5.1.2021 through VC. The Review of the Action Taken Report relating to the recommendations made in the 5th IMC meeting on Air Connectivity held on 16.10.2019, Status on Upgradation of Airports under AAI other than Holongi, Status of operationalisation of the flights on the routes approved under RCS UDAN Scheme, and other issues raised by Ministry of Civil Aviation and concerned NER States were discussed in the said IMC meeting.

1.8 Secretary, MDoNER chaired the Third Quarterly (FY 2020-21) Review Meeting on mandatory allocation and utilization under 10% GBS of non-exempted Ministries/Departments through VC on 19.1.2021. During the

current financial year (2020-21), as per the Statement 11 of Union Budget, 54 non-exempted Ministries/Departments have earmarked a total allocation of Rs. 60,112.11 crore (BE) for the NER against which 41 Ministries have reported an expenditure of Rs.31868.65crores during 2020-21 (up to 31.12.2020).

1.9 Senior Officers' meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER was held on 11.01.2021 through Video Conference to review the status of progress of important activities of MDoNER. Senior Officers of MDoNER, NEC and Heads of other Organizations under MDoNER also attended the meeting.

1.10 5th Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Road Sector Scheme Chaired by Secretary, Ministry of DoNER was held on 20.01.2021 through VC. The Review of the Action Taken Report relating to the recommendations made in the 4th IMC meeting on Roads held on 16.10.2019, Progress of 118 District road connectivity in NER States under SARDP-NE and BRO, Progress of Important NH related projects other than Capital connectivity projects including Bharatmala Project in NER, Issues relating to Road Project from Silchar Airport- Tamenglong via Harinagar (Assam), 4-laning of Imphal - Moreh section of NH-39 from km 330.0 to km 350.0 and 2- laning from km 350.0 to km 425.41, Manipur, and other issues raised by States/BRO/MoRTH/NHIDCL were discussed in the said IMC Meeting.

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1.12 25th meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee was held on 20.01.2021 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 project proposals received from State Governments:-

- a. Eight project proposals received from State Government of Assam for selection;
- b. One project proposal of State Government of Sikkim for sanction; and
- c. One project each of State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam for change in scope of work .

1.13 Review Meetings were held with (i) Chief Secretary and other Senior Officers of Government of Assam on 22nd January, 2021 at Guwahati and (ii) Chief Secretary and other Senior Officers of Government of Meghalaya on 25th January, 2021 at Shillong under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER and Co-chaired by Chief Secretary of the respective States. During the course of the meeting with State Governments, optimum utilization of 10% GBS of Central Ministries/Department, submission of proposals and UCs of earlier releases by NE States to concerned Ministries/Department was discussed. Further, the project implementation status of MDoNER and NEC Schemes pertaining to State of Assam and State of Meghalaya was also discussed. Review meeting was also held by secretary MDoNER with Secretary NEC and other senior officers of NEC at NEC HQ Shillong in which a detailed review on various schemes, projects and other important issues was held.

1.14 Funds amounting to Rs. 36.04 cr were released to the NE States under various Schemes implemented by MDoNER/NEC. This includes the following important projects :

- i. Development and improvement of Jagun Namchik Miao Road (Assam Portion) including Bridge No. 9/1 over River Namchik in Tinsukia District
- ii. Setting up of Cane and Bamboo Training Cum Production Centre at Ukhrul, Manipur
- iii. Community Development Programme Construction of Multi Utility Community Hall at Mao Community Centre, Kuda Village, Dimapur, Nagaland
- iv. Development of the Socio- Economic status of Rural Tribal Women at Sidli Development Block of Kajal Gaon Sub Division, Chirang District, Assam
- v. Two road projects in Manipur viz. - Tupul to Bishnupur and Thoubal to Kasom Khullen
- vi. Greater Sildharampur - Buragohain PWSS (under special economic package as per MoS) Karbi Anglong, Assam under KAATC package .
