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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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



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To

All Members of the Council of Ministers.

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- v. Ms. Rachna Shah, Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

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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 March, 2021.

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

1.1 On 07.03.2021, Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh visited different vaccination Centres in Guwahati, Assam and interacted with citizens while inquiring about their well-being and also asking if there was any suggestion from the vaccination-seekers or anything more that could be done for them either at official level or unofficially at the social level. During his interaction with the citizens, Dr Jitendra Singh said, it was the instruction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that not only the vaccination drive has to be carried out on a fast track, but ease of vaccination is also to be ensured.

1.2 A delegation of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry - Ladies Organization (FICCI-FLO), led by its national President Jahnabi Phookan, called on Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh on 12.03.2021 to discuss avenues for women in the North Eastern Region. During the interaction, Dr. Singh said that women entrepreneurship is being promoted in a big way in Northeast and while the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) came forward to provide Viability Fund to new Start-Ups, it has at the same time undertaken several initiatives to encourage and supplement the efforts of Women Self Help Groups.

1.3 On 15.03.2021, Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh addressed a seminar titled "175 Years of Journalism in Assam" organized by Indian Institute of Mass Communication. During the occasion he said that a new renaissance is happening both in Indian and Assamese Media, where news reporting is undergoing a sea-change and turning fast to developmental and people-centric news. In the last few years, headlines in the Assam media are more about developmental stories like highways and bridges, new airports, development of inland waterways and are no longer dominated by negative stories of extremist violence. He said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has listed five pillars for marking the celebrations of India's 75 years of Independence and said it should be a festival to mark the spirit of the freedom struggle and talk about the sacrifices of those who made it possible.

1.4 On 20.03.2021, Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh Speaking as Chief Guest in a seminar titled "Act East Policy: Enhancing Trade Infrastructure and Connectivity in the North Eastern Region" said that as India prepares to celebrate 75th Year of Independence in 2022, North East will become the torch bearer of New India. He said, in the Post-COVID era, India's Economic Resurgence will not be complete, unless it takes care of the vast unexplored potentialities and resources of the North-Eastern Region. He said that the 'Act East Policy' announced in November, 2014 is the upgrade of the "Look East Policy" which was promulgated in 1992. It aims at promoting economic cooperation, cultural ties and develops a strategic relationship with countries in do-pacific region with a proactive and pragmatic approach and thereby improving the economic development of North Eastern Region (NER) which is a gateway to South East Asia Region.

1.5 27th meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee was held on 25.03.2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER and co-chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura. In the meeting, the Committee discussed one project proposal received from State Government of Tripura for consideration for sanction under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) for F.Y. 2020-21.

1.6 Senior Officers' meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER was held on 08.03.2021 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. 88.34 cr were released to the NE States under various Schemes implemented by MDoNER/NEC. This includes the following important projects :

- i. Construction of six overhead Tank & ground sump & necessary pipelines in the Thongju and its adjoining areas in Imphal East District for promoting Tourism, Manipur
- ii. Construction of 6 nos. bridges to provide connectivity to Palling Admn. CQ HQ, Palling with district HQ in Arunachal Pradesh
- iii. C/o 33 KV HT Line from AnggongNallah MHS at Tuting HQ I/c installation of 2X1 MVA, 33/11 KV Sub-Station at Tuting in Upper Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh
- iv. Fruits and Vegetables Processing Plant at Azuram, Manipur
- v. Development of Model Farm for fish based integrated system in Lamphelpat, Manipur(Implemented by Central Agricultural University, Imphal through Manipur Tribal Development Corporation Ltd.).
- vi. Livelihood generation for retuned migrant workers due to COVID-19 in the State of Manipur and Tripura.
- vii. Road projects in three North East States viz. Meghalaya: Garobada to Dalu (MLN-1); Tripura: Udaipur to Melaghar (TR-02) and Mizoram: Serchhip to

Buarpui (MZ-02)1.8. As on 31.03.2021, the MDoNER's expenditure was 100% of its Revised Estimates for the Financial Year 2020-21

1.8. The expenditure of MDoNER as on 31.03.2021 was Rs.1859.99 cr against the RE of Rs.1860 cr. for the Financial Year 2020-21.
