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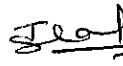
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Dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Monthly summary of principal activities undertaken and important decisions taken during the month of May , 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 May 2020 is hereby circulated for information.

  
22/6/2020  
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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 May, 2020.**

**1.1 Major activities/Key decisions pertaining to COVID-19**

- i. On 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER addressed "Bamboo Conclave" through Video Conference. He said that Post- COVID situation provides an opportunity for India to boost its economy with the support of vast Bamboo resource and emphasized that Ministry of DoNER will try to work out a time bound plan for promotion of bamboo manufacturing and trade, and also work out feasibility of Public Private Partnership (PPP) in this sector. Special Secretary, MDoNER and other Senior Officers from MDoNER and its organizations participated in said conclave through VC.
- ii. On 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER Chaired a Review Meeting on handling of COVID 19 in NER with Chief Secretaries and Senior Officers of the eight states of North East along with Secretary, MDoNER, Special Secretary, MDoNER and Secretary NEC. While appreciating NE State Governments for handling Corona pandemic judiciously and intelligently, he emphasized that one of the priorities of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) in the days to come would be to resume the work of development projects which got held up.
- iii. On 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER met Mrs SosoShaiza, Senior Member, National Commission for Women and discussed COVID-19 related issues in North Eastern Region. He appreciated the role women Self Help Groups, and said that women in the North East had taken a lead in preparing several items during the lockdown period.
- iv. Chief Nodal Officers (CNO) and Nodal Officers (NO) in MDoNER coordinated with State Governments of NER for regular monitoring of COVID-19. Some of the issues requiring interventions by Central Ministries/Departments in Manipur included that relating to Department of Social Welfare's Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana Package and movement of required professionals and cargo by Ministry of Civil Aviation and essential supplies for Testing Labs in Nagaland. The Ministry of DoNER has requested M/o Health & Family Welfare and ICMR on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to expedite the needful action to make the Lab at NHAK, Kohima functional at the earliest.

- v. Following projects were sanctioned under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) for Strengthening Health Infrastructure for Fighting Corona Virus (COVID-19):

- a. "Procurement of hospital equipment to prepare 10 District Hospitals (Tawang, Bomdila, Ziro, Aalo, Tezu, Namsai, Changlang, Khonsa, Seppa and Yingkiong) to fight COVID-19" in Arunachal Pradesh, for Rs.51.69 crore.

- b. "Strengthening Health Infrastructure for Comprehensive response to possible Outbreak of COVID-19" in Mizoram, for Rs.16.16 crore.

1.2 On 11<sup>th</sup> May , Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER addressed the Indo-Bangladesh "Virtual Conference" Organized by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India and emphasized on the vast potential of Bamboo for the development of trade not only in India but also in the entire subcontinent, particularly the Eastern countries like Bangladesh. He mentioned several items such as ginger, citrus-fruit, coal, cement, plastic, PVC pipes etc. which could be promoted for popular trade between the two countries.

1.3. Review Meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER with the Senior Officers of the Ministry to discuss the status of progress of important matters of the Ministry.

1.4 Funds amounting to Rs.177.22 crore were released to the NE States under various Schemes implemented by MDoNER and NEC. This includes releases for the following important projects:

- (i) Rs. 14.16 cr for Road Project in Arunachal Pradesh from Bomikoto village to Nilling Circle Hq via Sima-Dha (25.00 Kilometers) under NESIDS.

- (ii) Rs.20.67 cr for procurement of hospital equipments to prepare 10 District Hospitals in Arunachal Pradesh to fight COVID-19" under NESIDS.

- (iii) Rs. 11.19 cr for Construction of Double Lane Road from Lanka to Umrangso via Diyungmukh, Haflong Tinali and Panimur under NESIDS.

- (iv) Rs.21.03 cr for Water Supply Scheme for water conservation at Tamenglong HQ (Hangoipat at Carpentry area and Zelian lake) and Joulen in Manipur under NLCPR Scheme.

- (v) Rs.29.91cr for road project in Mainpur-Tupul to Bishnupur and Thoubal to Kasom Khullen under NESRIP.

- (vi) Rs.3.01 cr for promotion of Integrated Horticulture Farming System in Shifting Cultivation Areas of Manipur under Schemes of NEC

(vii) Rs.2.50 cr for setting up of Science Centre and Planetarium at hurachandpur & Rs.3.50 cr for Construction of Museum-cum Library, Tribal Research Institute, Manipur Under Schemes of NEC.

1.5 Based on the support from MDoNER, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs has granted approval to the following "Externally Aided Project" proposals during May, 2020 :

**Government of Assam:**

(i) Assam Secondary Road Network Improvement Project (ASRIP), Loan assistance from AIIB.

(ii) Assam Integrated River Basin Management Program , Loan Assistance from World Bank.

**Government of Meghalaya:**

(i) Enhancing the livelihood of Rural Community of Meghalaya through use of Renewable Energy System , Technical Assistance from ADB.

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