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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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

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

1.1 MOS (I/C), MDoNER, Dr. Jitendra Singh, inaugurated the latest technology Integrated Bamboo Treatment Plant in the premises of North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC) on 25.02.2021. During the occasion Dr. Singh said that in the post-COVID era, economic resurgence will lead to quest for unexplored and alternative avenues of trade and business and the huge Bamboo reserves in the North Eastern region, which had remained underutilized for all these years, will come handy and become tool of economy growth. He also stated that in a bid to create awareness about the versatile applications of bamboo and its cost-effective products, the North Eastern Council and the Ministry of DoNER have initiated a country wide drive and are also encouraging Start-Ups and new entrepreneurs to explore business opportunities through bamboo. As a part of this, the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir will set up three Bamboo Clusters through technical know-how and collaboration from NECBDC.

1.2 MoS (I/C), MDoNER, Dr. Jitendra Singh on 22.02.2021 called on Governor of Assam, Prof Jagdish Mukhi at Raj Bhavan at Guwahati and apprised him of a wide range of issues including the ongoing development projects in the State. He also briefed him about the projects launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Assam. Hon'ble Minister also apprised the Governor about the recent decision taken for allocation of certain portion of North Eastern Council (NEC) funds for development of neglected areas and deprived sections of society.

1.3 Chief Minister Meghalaya, Mr Conrad Sangma met Dr. Jitendra Singh, MOS (I/C), MDoNER on 09.02.2021 and thanked him for constant support to the State projects by the Ministry of DoNER. He made a special mention of the recent road project sanctioned under North East Special Development Scheme for upgradation of Mawshynrut-Hahim-Boko road. In the meeting Dr. Singh said that special impetus is being given to improve the connectivity and transport through new airports, air flights in different sectors, doubling and electrification of railway lines across the region, networks of roads and new inland waterways.

Mr Sangma also placed before the Minister some new proposals for support from the Ministry of DoNER and North Eastern Council to which the Dr. Singh assured the Chief Minister that he would have these proposals examined.

1.4 MoS (I/C), MDoNER, Dr.Jitendra Singh, addressing a Webinar on 17.02.2021, organized by CII on "Strengthening Logistics: Challenges and Opportunities for e-commerce in North East, said that NE means the New Engine of growth for New India which Prime Minister Narendra Modi is trying to usher in as we approach 75th anniversary of India's Independence in 2022.

1.5 MoS (I/C), MDoNER laid down foundation stone of new Students' Hostels in the premises of the famous Cotton University on 24.02.2021. The entire cost of the construction of the seven storeyed hostel buildings will be borne by the North Eastern Council (NEC), MDoNER and for this purpose an amount of around Rs.11.85 crore has already been allocated. On the occasion Dr. Singh said that the new National Education Policy is both progressive as well as pragmatic. Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the Ministry of DoNER and the North Eastern Council have over the last six years diversified their activities beyond infrastructural projects and are hugely contributing to education and health sector. He referred to North East Girls Hostels constructed two years back by the North Eastern Council in the premises of the Bangalore University and the under construction North East Students Hostel in the premises of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.

1.6 Secretary, MDoNER, Special Secretary & other Senior Officers of MDoNER, Secretary, NEC and Senior officers of M/o Railways, M/o Tourism, Ministry of MSME, M/o Skill Development, MORTH, MOCA, MNRE and DPIIT attended meeting of the Department Related Parliament Standing Committee (DrPSC) on Home Affairs for presentation on Demands for Grants(2020-21) of MDoNER on 23.02.2021. Secretary, MDoNER briefed the committee about the coordinating role of MDoNER and how it reviews the expenditure of other non-exempt Ministries/Departments in NER under 10% GBS. He also informed the Committee that MDoNER has already approached Ministry of Finance for leveraging the non-lapsable Central pool of resources. Special Secretary, MDoNER gave a presentation on the activates/projects/programmes of MDoNER and its Organizations.

1.7 26th meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee was held on 26.02.2021 under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER. Chief Secretaries of Assam, Nagaland and Tripura co-chaired the meeting. In the

meeting the several projects/project proposals received from State Governments were discussed:-

- a. Eight project proposals received from State Government of Assam for sanction and one project sanctioned under NESIDS for change in scope along with revision of cost.
- b. Two project proposals received from Government of Nagaland for sanction.
- c. One project proposal of State Government of Tripura for selection under NESIDS, one project proposal for sanction under NESIDS; and one project sanctioned under NLCPR for change in scope of work along with revision of cost.

1.8 Project Approval Committee (PAC) meeting for SIDF was also held on 26.02.2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER and co-chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh.

1.9 Senior Officers' meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER was held on 22.02.2021 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 attended the meeting

1.10 Funds amounting to Rs. 138.14 cr were released to the NE States under various Schemes implemented by MDoNER/NEC. This includes the following important projects :

- i. Construction of 6 nos. bridges to provide connectivity to Palling Admn.CQ HQ, Palling with district HQ in Arunachal Pradesh under NLCPR Scheme
- ii. Project "Establishment of clean meat selling booths with slaughtering facilities for pork, mutton/chevon & chicken at different markets of Karbi Anglong" under KAATC package.
- iii. Spice Processing Unit at Tamei.
- iv. Rehabilitation and upgradation of Kamjong to Kongkan Thana via Pilog, Manipur.
- v. Mukroh-Umspar-Jrikyndeng Road, Meghalaya.
- vi. Construction of a Hostel for the North East Students at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- vii. Road projects in Assam viz. - Kalitakuchi to Barpeta (AS-37C); Bilasipara (NH-31) to Fakiragram (AS-11); Tamulpur to Paneri (AS-02); Paneri to Udalguri (AS-03); Major bridges (AS-02-03).
