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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly summary of principal activities undertaken and important decisions taken during the month of June, 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 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 June 2020 is hereby circulated for information.

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13/7/2020

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Encl. As above.

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 June 2020.

1.1 Major activities/Key decisions pertaining to COVID-19

(i) On 21st June 2020 Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER reviewed the status of healthcare facilities in "Aspirational" districts of NER with the State Health Secretaries, Deputy Commissioners and Health Officials of NER, through Video Conference. Secretary, Special Secretary, MDoNER, Secretary NEC and other Senior Officer of MDoNER/NEC participated in the VC. The Hon'ble Minister disclosed that in the wake of COVID pandemic, MDoNER has decided to sanction an amount of Rs.190 cr for augmentation of healthcare facilities in the eight North Eastern States, particularly for developing infrastructure for management of infectious diseases. He also said that issues regarding inadequacies in the list of potential Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries and cost of the Golden Card which were brought to his notice, shall be taken up with the appropriate authorities.

(ii) The 22nd meeting of Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC)/NESIDS Committee was held on 18.06.2020 to discuss the proposals received from the State Governments of Assam and Nagaland related to Strengthening Health Infrastructure for fighting COVID-19, for selection and sanction and projects proposals received from State Governments of Meghalaya, Sikkim and Tripura for selection. In the meeting, project proposals of State Govt. of Assam and Nagaland costing Rs.97.49 cr and Rs.17.96 cr respectively were recommended by the Committee for selection and sanction and project proposals of State Govts of Meghalaya and Sikkim costing Rs.47.54 cr and Rs.20.50 cr were recommended for selection.

1.2 On 5th June 2020, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER inaugurated e-Symposium 2020 organized by IIM Shillong and Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research & Analysis. Hon'ble Minister said that the North Eastern Region of the country is slowly but firmly coming up as new business destination of India. New paradigms will emerge post-COVID, with a potential for new breakthroughs in economy, trade, scientific research and several other diverse areas, catapulting North East as the economic hub of the country and a preferred destination for Start ups. He urged the institute like IIM Shillong to frame policies and guide the

governments, Central as well as States, for the holistic development of the region. Secretary, MDoNER & Secretary, NEC also attended the symposium.

1.3 On 6th June 2020, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER launched Booklet and its e-version on one year achievements of MDONER during 2nd term of the present Govt. Secretary, MDoNER, Special Secretary, MDoNER and other Senior Officers of the Ministry were present on the occasion. Secretary NEC and other Senior officers of NEC attended the launch through a Video Conference from Shillong. Hon'ble Minister congratulated the team MDoNER for achieving almost 100% expenditure during 2019-20. He also appreciated the efforts of the Ministry for helping North Eastern States in developing Infrastructure for fighting COVID-19 and playing a coordinating role between NE States and various Central Ministries/Department, in various issues which required interventions by Central Ministries/Departments.

1.4 On 30th June 2020, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), MDoNER chaired a Review Meeting through video conference which was attended by Secretary, Special Secretary, MDoNER ; Secretary, NEC & other Senior Officers of MDoNER/NEC. While emphasizing importance of Bamboo, the Hon'ble Minister said that Bamboo sector is going to propel the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan in the North Eastern Region by imbibing "Vocal for Local" mantra. He congratulated MDoNER for achieving 100% work output during COVID-19 Pandemic by its robust e-office network and urged the officers to coordinate with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to augment uninterrupted high-speed net facility in the North Eastern Region for its comprehensive socio-economic development. The Hon'ble Minister was apprised about the role of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) in promoting start-ups in NER region by promoting local talent. He also interacted with the Director General, Border Roads Organization, Lt. General Harpal Singh and other senior officials of the Border Roads Organization, BRO and addressed their concerns pertaining to the North Eastern Region

1.5 Senior Officers' meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDONER was held on 09th June, 2020 through Video Conference to review the status of progress of important activities of MDoNER . Secretary, NEC and Senior Officer of NEC also attended the Meeting.

1.6 Funds amounting to Rs. 238.34 cr were released to the NE States under various Schemes implemented by MDoNER and NEC. This includes releases for the following important projects:

- (i) Rs 10.38 cr for construction of Dam Reservoir and Development of Recreation Centre at Keilungliah, Champhai in Mizoram under NLCPR scheme.
- (ii) Rs. 6.47 cr for construction of Government Aizawl College New Campus Building at Mualpui, Aizawl in Mizoram under NLCPR scheme.
- (iii) Rs. 9.03 cr for upgradation of road from Wokha HQ to N. Longidang in Nagaland under NESIDS .
- (iv) Rs 8.38 cr for construction of road from LikwaGyadi to Gyawepurang in East Kameng District in Arunachal Pradesh under NESIDS.
- (v)Rs. 26.10 cr for road projects in Mizoram - Serchhip to Buarpui (55 km); Manipur - Tupul to Bishnupur and Thoubal to KasomKhullen and Tripura - Udaipur(NH44) to Melaghar (20.3 km) under NESRIP .
- (vi)Rs. 87.97 cr for projects under NEC which includes Promotion of traditional bamboo shoot processing and preservation, Construction of Road from Yairipok Bazar to Charangpat, Improvement and upgradation of Khedacherra-Damcherra-Zamuang-Kwarthah-TuilutkawnRaod, Composite Water Supply at Ramrei and its surrounding areas, Ukhrul District, Setting up of North East Regional Multi-Disciplinary Paramedical Institute, Dimapur, Improvement of MawshynrutHahim Boko Raod (Length-14.60 Km), Rehabilitation and upgradation of MiremMikongJonai Road(Length-15.56).

1.7 Based on the support from MDoNER, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs have granted approval to the following EAP proposals during the month of June, 2020:

Government of Tripura:

- (i) Infrastructure Development of Industrial Estate under TIDC Ltd., Govt. of Tripura [PRF Facility] from ADB.

Government of Nagaland:

- (i) Establishment of 400 bedded teaching hospital at Kohima, Nagaland, Govt. of Nagaland (Loan Assistance) from JICA.
