OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary of Principal Activities undertaken and important decisions taken in the month of September, 2018 in respect of M/o 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 September, 2018 is hereby circulated for information.

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Encl: As above.

To
All Members of the Council of Ministers
(As per list attached)

Copy with enclosures also forwarded to:

1. The Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The Secretary to the Hon'ble President, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Secretary to the Hon'ble Vice President, No. 5 Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi.
4. The Secretaries to the Government of India (as per list attached).
5. Ms. Rachna Shah, Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

Copy to:

1. Joint Secretary(SNP) /Joint Secretary(JKS) /Joint Secretary(SE) /Economic Adviser(MS) /Joint Secretary(SLM) /Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser(JT), Ministry of DoNER.
2. Senior Technical Director, NIC, Ministry of DoNER for uploading on the website of the Ministry.
3. PPS to Secretary, DoNER.
Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

Monthly Summary of Principal Activities and important decisions taken during the month of September, 2018

1. Hon'ble MoS, DoNER inaugurated the three-day Arunachal Transformation & Aspirational Leadership - ATAL Conclave on 28th September, 2018 which was organized by Government of Arunachal Pradesh & Vision India Foundation on the theme of "Vision 2040: Arunachal Rising". The conclave was focused on the youth of Arunachal Pradesh, aged between 18-30 years, giving them an opportunity for ideation, creativity and innovation with policy makers of State, bureaucrats and public policy experts.

2. Ministry of DoNER keeps track of expenditure under earmarked 10% expenditure for the NER by non-exempted Ministries. Information received from 30 non-exempted Ministries/ Departments on scheme-wise figures of actual expenditure on NER against earmarked budget/ revised estimates for the year 2017-18 and 2018-19 (1st quarter) shows the actual expenditure in NER of Rs.26290.60 crore as against RE allocation of Rs.29369.23 crore in 2017-18 and actual expenditure in NER of Rs.7186.46 crore in the first quarter of 2018-19 as against BE allocation of Rs.33368.27 crore in 2018-19.

3. As per PFMS data, expenditure till 30th September, 2018 is Rs.16332.01 crore (consisting of release under Central Sector scheme, Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Other Grants/Loans/Transfer to NER States) against the earmarked allocation (BE) of Rs.47994.88 crore for the current FY. This data will help in recommending reallocation of likely surrender to those Ministries who have the absorptive capacity to implement additional approved schemes/programs within this financial year.

4. A National Workshop on Utilization of Bamboo as Building Material in NER was organised by MDoNER in collaboration with CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee on 17th September, 2018 in Aizawl, Mizoram. Experts and researchers from across the country delivered lectures on various usage of versatile Bamboo products in the workshop. The Secretary DoNER and Secretary NEC along with senior officers participated in the Workshop and the World Bamboo Day events. The World Bamboo Day (WBD) was hosted by Mizoram Government on 18-19 September, 2018 where all the NE States Bamboo Missions participated. As part of this celebration, the JS (NEC/Bamboo) held meetings with State's Bamboo Mission teams and disseminated/deliberated on how to access and implement the NBM funds in the NER.

5. Secretary, M/o AYUSH and Secretary, DoNER held second meeting on promotion of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs) in NER along with the Member, NEC (Prof. B.K. Dutta) on 14th September, 2018 in the chamber of Secretary, AYUSH. It was decided to organize an export promotion based Buyer-Seller event on MAPs for NER in Guwahati, Assam in October, 2018 where Shri J.P. Singh from Amritsar and Shri Rakesh Chaudhary will be requested to give presentation on MAPs (on their works/findings of the MAPs resources in NER). Also, e-Charak platform of M/o AYUSH will be disseminated for awareness building to MAPs farmers of NER during this event. This event will be a precursor to the World Ayurveda Congress scheduled on 14th December, 2018 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

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