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Itanagar, Delhi gear up for 'Mission Arunachal' Guv, CM hold review meeting



ITANAGAR, Apr. 08: Arunachal Pradesh Governor General (Retd) JJ Singh today called for collective effort of all government machineries to work towards the state's development, reports DIPR.

Addressing a meeting at Raj Bhawan here to review the state's developmental activities, the governor said Arunachal would record one of the best GDP and per capita income if concerted efforts and a coordinated approach are put in implementing the developmental initiatives.

The daylong meeting was convened by the governor

himself and Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu. It was attended by all the ministers, commissioners, secretaries and other high ranking government officers.

Terming peace as a prerequisite for development, Singh said terrorism must be contained at any cost to bring about a balanced development, and stressed the need of a collective approach in maintaining law and order in the state.

He emphasized publicizing government policies and programmes, especially under the industries, tourism, horticulture, transportation and related sectors to

provide them with required exposure and to promote private investments in the state. Singh was especially insistent on involving private sectors in tapping the state's horticultural potential.

Urging the horticulture department to promote beekeeping in tandem with small scale industries, he said bamboo cultivation and orchid exploration, too, would greatly boost the local economy.

Khandu on his part emphasized timely submission of utilization certificates on projects and proper monitoring in implementing

PM's package.

Earlier, Chief Secretary Tabom Bam urged officers to enhance their efficiency to give proper shape to the state's development initiatives.

The commissioners and secretaries presented the developmental activities and action plans taken up in their departments with particular reference to the PM's package for Arunachal.

The governor called for a follow-up meeting with the deputy commissioners to generate awareness at the grassroots, the report adds.

PMO fixes time for Arunachal projects

By Special Correspondent
ITANAGAR, Apr. 08: Reflecting the urgency and the seriousness in its speedy implementation, the Centre has asked Arunachal government to submit feasibility report for the 1840 km two-lane Trans-Arunachal Highway costing Rs. 5,500 crore latest by June next.

The Prime Minister's package was reviewed at a high-level meeting chaired by principal secretary to the Prime Minister, P K Nair at New Delhi yesterday for fixing a timeframe for timely execution of all schemes.

Sources in the PMO told AFND today over telephone that the state government should reciprocate the Centre's initiative by compensating with quick actions to expedite the package's implementation.

The sources informed of the meeting's decision that the alignment for the 4-lane highway has to be finalized in two weeks, and that the Rs. 550 crore Itanagar Greenfield Airport, for which the state government has to begin the process for clearing forests and

acquisition land, has to be completed in 3 years.

Joint secretary Gauri Singh is scheduled to arrive here on April 16 to fine-tune the Rs. 550 crore border villages electrification programme which is to be completed in 2 years.

On the Itanagar-Harmuti rail link for which Rs. 2 crore was released in August 2007 for survey, the works could begin in October and completed by March 2011 if land is made available in September next.

Work on Pasighat and Tezu airstrips would be taken up soon, while others at Tuting, Mechuka, Vijaynagar and Wallong (which were operational before 1990) should be treated as feasible. Defence Minister A K Antony has assured state Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu that these civil airstrips would be taken up after an MoU between the state government and the defence ministry is signed.

The DoNER ministry has agreed to release Rs. 20 crore to the R K Mission Hospital *Contd. P.3*

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Contd. P.1. here in a week's time, while the state's RWD has been asked to compress its projected time for speedy completion of road links to 513 inhabitations under the PMGSY.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had announced a package worth over Rs. 10,000 crore on January 31.

The daily subsidized helicopter service between Guwahati and Tawang has to be introduced in a month's time, the meeting decided. The process for floating tender has already been initiated by the civil aviation department.

The meeting, attended by secretaries of the ministries concerned, was sympathetic in relaxing the norms for water supply schemes, provided the money allocated are spent on time.