

PRESS RELEASE

Governor visits sinking zone and inspects progress of work

ITANAGAR, August 2, 2015: The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri J.P. Rajkhowa visited the sinking zone at Karsingsa today and took stock of the progress of the culvert being constructed at the middle part of the sinking portion of the road. Commuters and vehicles movement are now being made through a diversion till the completion of the culvert.

Chief Engineer Highways (Western Zone) PWD Er. Hage Apa and EE(PWD) Er. Khoda Gyati briefed that the under construction 70 tonne culvert will be completed by end of September 2015. The Governor was also briefed on the proposed Viaduct (Bridge) at Karsingsa spanning 1.3 Kms which will be a permanent solution to the recurring problem causing untold misery to the general public and transportation of goods and services. Earlier, the MoRTH team had also inspected to see the feasibility of the project. The sinking zone stretches around 3.5 Kms and this time 100 mtrs portion of the zone had collapsed.

Governor suggested the officials that they should themselves make an independent assesment of the exact affected area and not to rely entirely on the Google maps. The Governor suggested to involve CRRI(Central Road Research Institute), Delhi , IIT Guwahati and NERIST, Itanagar by constituting a committee to look into the issues of design and quality and also to consult Ministry of Highways. He also asked to look into options of exploring the feasibility of constructing Sky Bridges/Cable Bridge/Suspension bridge adding that we can also develop them with engineering experiences of some developed countries. He emphasised that international standard has to be maintained in terms of quality, design, time and also the lifespan of the proposed Viaduct Bridge taking into account the soil type and topography. Timely completion of such vital project is very important, he reiterated.

He also enquired about the steps action taken to improve Doimukh-Gumto Road and directed to take up proper repair of the said road. He stressed on the need for proper & timely maintenance and repair of roads of the state for the comfort of the public adding that good roads will boost economy of the state.

Later, the Governor also visited the checkgate at Banderdewa and expressed his ideas for issuance of ILP on arrival at the checkgate itself to facilitate tourists to improve tourism.

Itanagar Capital Complex DC Shri Mige Kamki was also present on the occasion.

Later, while interacting with Mediapersons and responding to their queries, he said the state has immense potentials like tourism, horticulture and also rich in biodiversity. The State is also culturally one of richest states in the country and we must all come forward and work together for the development of the state. The state has also made its mark in the fields of sports and also mountaineering adding that he has great hopes from them. Work culture is very important for the development and growth of the State, he emphasised.

However, The Governor also expressed concern on the rampant hillcutting, which causes soil erosion and landslides.

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