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PRESS RELEASE

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa made an aerial survey of the flood affected Districts of the State on 16th September 2015. The Governor was accompanied by Minister, Food and Civil Supplies and Water Resource Development, Shri Kamlung Mossang, MLA Miao, Parliamentary Secretary WRD, Smt Gum Tayeng, MLA Dambuk, and Parliamentary Secretary, Horticulture, Shri Mutchu Mithi, MLA Roing, along with Secretary Disaster Management Shri T.T. Gamdik and Chief Engineer Water Resource Development Er. Likar Angu.

The Governor saw the impact of recent floods in Kimin, Likabali, Jipu, low land areas of Koyu, Korang, Takilalung, Pasighat, Mebo, Anpum, Dambuk, Roing, Tezu, Chowkham, Namsai and some places in Changlang District. The representatives appraised the Governor of the ground situation in their respective areas, while the Chief Engineer of Water Resource Development Department also briefed on the impact.

The Governor said that there has been major improvement in the situation and commended the efforts of the State Government and District Administrations. He expressed his deep appreciation to Smt Gum Tayeng for reaching out to the affected people of her constituency, during the floods even facing great risk to her life.

The Governor advised that concerted efforts must be made by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Chief Minister and Minister Disaster Management in particular to mitigate the perennial challenges of flood in eight districts of the State, namely East Kameng, Papum Pare, West Siang, East Siang, Lower Dibang Valley, Lohit, Namsai and Changlang. He appealed to the civil society, PSUs and other corporates, including Banks and other financial institutions, business organisations and associations and NGOs for extending assistance to the flood affected people in addition to the relief provided by the State Government. He cautioned against misappropriation and misuse of the relief fund, relief items etc. and said the media has a big role to build up strong public opinion against any anti-people activities.

The Governor stressed that Government of Arunachal Pradesh must go for a long term planning and time bound action for working out permanent solution to the problem. He also suggested that relocating of low lying villages must be done with care. The State Government must ensure proper housing, water supply, electricity, education and health facilities and other basic amenities, including source of livelihood before rehabilitating the villagers by shifting to new flood free areas.

At Pasighat, Member of Parliament Shri Ninong Ering, Deputy Commissioner Ms Isha Khosla and District officials briefed the Governor during the brief stopover. The Deputy Commissioner informed that more than 5000 people were affected with huge losses, including damages to bridges, school buildings, 650 hectares of standing crops and land, residential houses and loss of cattle. The Governor was also

informed that so far Rs. 25 Lakh had been sanctioned for the East Siang District, of which Rs. 10 lakh is placed with the DC and Rs. 5 Lakhs each to the three ADCs. It was also informed that assessment of damages done to Agriculture crops and Horticulture plants and produce were being done for sending to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, shortly.

The Governor was informed by the Chief Engineer, Water Resource and also Parliamentary Secretary Smt Gum Tayeng, Member of Parliament Shri Ninong Ering and others that the two breaches caused by the Dibang River would have to be plugged on priority basis, otherwise next monsoon, the region would face severe flood. It would be necessary to submit DPR for the works urgently and get funding from Government of India or NLCPR and NEC, as the Government of Arunachal Pradesh does not have the required fund, said the Chief Engineer. The Governor asked him to submit a copy of the proposal to him for taking up with Government of India.

Earlier, as the Governor stated, he volunteered to intervene with the Centre, provided the Government of Arunachal Pradesh submits copies of the proposals sent to the Centre in restoration of assets damaged or destroyed by floods.

While returning, the Governor also noted the progress of the Bogibeel Bridge, which he has been emphasising for its early completion.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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