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Governor visits Arunachal Bhavan in Navi Mumbai, meets patients and students

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa paid a surprise visit to the so called Arunachal Pradesh Bhavan in Navi Mumbai on 5th May 2016.

Continuing his effort in providing proper shape to all the State Government infrastructures outside the State for the benefits of the people of Arunachal Pradesh and individuals and students pursuing their studies in that State, the Governor toured the Bhavan accompanied by First lady Smt Rita Rajkhowa. He expressed surprise that such valuable property (about 10,000 sq feet as reported by the Director USR, on the second floor of the ten storied building) has not be brought to proper use.

The Governor had a thorough look of the area and noted that the condition of the rooms and surrounding area is filthy, unhygienic and not fully completed and also there is a shortage of water and most of the basic electrical appliances are non-operational. Entire second floor also doesn't belongs to the Arunachal Pradesh government as reported by the director of USR group and that while the small vacant room/area is seen which the builder explained has been kept for AR government and emporium, adjacent to that there is a private restaurant running. The Governor also doubts as to whether the built up area for the Arunachal Bhavan is really 10,000 sq feet only to the floor meant for the Arunachal Pradesh Bhavan couldn't clearly show the area. He also noted that there is no sign board outside the building and also inside at the entrance to the Arunachal Bhavan portion of the second floor thereby making it difficult for the people coming from the State as well from outside to locate the so called Arunachal Bhavan. The Governor asked the builder to fix a big size board and also a sign board in the entry to the Arunachal Pradesh Bhavan portion immediately which he has agreed to do.

The Governor asked the director of USR group Shri Sarain Zacharia to look into the matter and provide at least the basic facilities to the people without any delay as only eight rooms meant for the people of which are occupied by all cancer patients and their family members. Fortunately, there is a room reserved for the Government officer/ in-charge of the Bhavan only with a single bedroom accommodation for the officer. Presently there is neither responsible gazetted officer nor other official from Arunachal Pradesh government to look after the progress on the matter stated above nor for to the patients suffering from the cancer and other of several diseases. There is also no vehicle provided for the patients and on the other hand neighbouring Assam Bhavan where the cancer patients only are accommodated, not only there is a responsible officer of the rank of Joint Secretary as Deputy Resident Commissioner is assisted by the other officials who liaise with the Tata cancer hospital and other hospitals and assist all other patients by providing them the transport at reasonable rates. They have a mini bus and also no of SUV's and other vehicles on the service of patients, most of the vehicles are donated by the public sector companies due to initiatives of various authorities and of DRC.

The Governor suggested for posting of senior administrative and tourism officials from the State to expedite the process in establishing it into a useful facility to promote State Tourism and to provide accommodation to Government officials and general public, particularly patients from the State.

The Governor wished that the State Government take necessary action immediately in this direction.

During the visit the Governor and First Lady Smt Rita Rajkhowa interacted with the patients from Arunachal, who are staying in the Arunachal House and undergoing Cancer treatment. He extended financial help of Rs. 10, 000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand) each to all the 10 (Ten) patients present.

Later, the Governor and the First Lady also met group of students from the State, who in turn submitted a memorandum to them. The students informed the Governor through the memo that the director USR has issued a notice to room occupant / patients to pay the daily rent of Rs 1000 per seat although most of the family members of the patients lie on the floor of each room and the basic facilities are also not made.

The Governor asked the director, Shri Sarain Zacharia to charge only the reasonable amount as it is his duty as director of USR Company to provide support to help people of the state as part of its corporate social responsibility

The builder informed the Governor that the permission of about 10,000 sq feet area by the Arunachal Pradesh Government was symbolically taken over 2 years back , i.e., without the completion of the required portion of the floor. The builder further informed that the plot of land for the 10 story flat which he has built up was handed over to him by the government of Arunachal Pradesh on BOT basis /lease for a period of 60 years. He also stated that the payment for the land and the construction of the Arunachal Pradesh Bhavan portion was done entirely by him as a part of the lease and the GOAP has not given any money to him. On the query of the Governor he also informed that he has got the permission for construction of offices complex and only one floor he has supplied to one jewellery firm. However this is subjected to verification. Governor asked him to submit the copy of documents on which he has been authorised to construct the building and rent out to various parties.

Shri Sarain Zacharia has agreed to submit all the relevant documents pertaining to building to ADC accompanying the Governor by speed post.

The First Couple advised the students to work hard and be sincere in their studies. Be a true face of Arunachal Pradesh and make the State and its people proud of them.

PRO to Governor
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