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Governor takes up connectivity issue with NEC Secretary

The Secretary, North Eastern Council, Shillong, Shri Ram Muivah called on the Governor Shri JP Rajkhowa at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 10th May 2016. They discussed on various NEC Schemes and projects in the State.

The Governor, while emphasizing for better connectivity in the State, advised the NEC Secretary to take up 'Orphan Roads' as it benefits both Arunachal Pradesh and its neighbouring States.

The Governor also asked him to develop the Advance Landing Grounds at Ziro, Pasighat and Aalo in the line of Lilabari, Tezpur and Umroi Airports, where there are regular air services and is funded by NEC.

Stating that inspite of road connectivity problem in the State and region, there is not even a single institute for road research and designing. The Governor suggested that an institute must be set up by the NEC and as Arunachal Pradesh has variant topography and climatic condition, the State is most suitable for it. He also suggested for setting up 'Centres for Excellence' for architect, skill development, tourism etc. which will be beneficial for all the States of the region as students will come from every corner of the North East.

The Governor emphasised on regular visits and monitoring by NEC officials of the NEC funded North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Projects (NERCORMP) in the State. With regular monitoring, social auditing and proper selection of schemes, it will bring good results, he opined.

Highlighting on the abundant Kiwi, Orange and other horticultural produces, the Governor requested the Secretary NEC to assist the entrepreneurs of the State in setting up of Food Processing Units and wineries. Chief Secretary Smt Shakuntala Gamlin added on it by suggesting floriculture and orchid cultivation as thrust avenues.

The Governor called for enhancing the annual budget of the Council so that larger projects can be taken up. He suggested that NEC should entertain schemes or projects of less than Rs. 20 (Twenty) lakhs, when approached directly by the needy people.

The Governor called for special attention by NEC towards philanthropic institutes like Oju Welfare Association and Donyi Polo Mission. Suggesting him to visit the institutes, the Governor said that these centres are doing wonderful work for the poor and the society and they need to be supported.

Shri Muivah briefed the Governor on the ensuing Plenary Meeting of NEC at Shillong on 27th May 2016. He also briefed the Governor on the challenges of the Council.

Secretary to Governor cum Secretary Planning Dr. Joram Beda and Additional Secretary to Governor Shri Bharat Singh Hada were also present in the meeting.

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