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PRESS RELEASE**

**Give priority to the border areas: Governor**

**Governor announces to provide solar lamps to five hundred households from his discretionary grant**

A delegation of Panchayati Raj Institution from Monigong-Pidi Anchal Samity, West Siang District led by Shri Tachi Hemi, Zilla Parishad Member called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The Panchayati Raj representatives along with Shri Tajen Pujen, Gaon Burah apprised the Governor the problems and challenges of the people living in the International border blocks of Monigong and Pidi Circles.

Giving a patient hearing to the people from remote area of the State, the Governor said that the State Government along with Central Government has to give priority to the border areas. Some positive acts have to be initiated to instil sense of security and negate the feeling of isolation amongst the people. Road communication, education, healthcare and water supply must be focused as priority areas of the Governments. Emphasising on roads, the Governor suggested that feeder roads must be developed. The foot tracks must be developed into one-lane roads and one-lane roads to two-lane road. Meanwhile, the Border Road Organization must expedite their projects in these remote areas. Such proactive roles of State machineries will halt the exodus of people from the border areas.

Sadden to learn that the border areas of Pidi and Monigong are without power supply and the people, officials and school children are suffering in want of light for daily chores and studies, the Governor announced to provide five hundred solar lamps to five hundred households of the area from his discretionary grant. At the same time, he suggested for solar and wind powered projects for the far-flung villages.

The Governor expressed surprised that the people of the area are not issued with BPL Cards depriving them of the special provisions provided to poorer section of the society. He advised that NGOs of the area must come front and work for the community, create awareness and at the same time check fraudulent practices.

The Governor emphasised that the officials posted in the border blocks and administrative centres must be in their place of posts for sound administration and smooth functioning in promptly addressing the problems of the people. Disciplinary action must be taken to those not in their place of posting. He advised the Principal Secretary (Personnel) to issue circular regarding this.

Earlier, through a memorandum, the Panchayat representatives informed that inspite of huge horticultural produce such as apples, Kiwis, Strawberry and green vegetables in the area, due to road communication bottleneck, horticultural products cannot be harness on commercial scale. They further informed that there is no healthcare facility, communication network, PDS items and security infrastructure in the area.

Principal Secretary (Personnel) Shri Satya Gopal, Secretary to Governor Dr. Joram Beda and Additional Secretary Shri B.S. Hada were also present on the occasion.

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