## Government of Tripura Directorate of Information and Cultural Affairs

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## **Press Release**

A meeting was held in Ministry of DoNER of Inter-Ministerial Committee on "North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme" (NESIDS) Committee held on  $20^{th}$  July, 2018. The Committee considered infrastructure schemes of the North Eastern States to taken up under the funds of Ministry of DoNER.

There were three Schemes pertaining to Tripura:-

- (i) Construction of Rain Water Reservoir on Upper Catchment of Haora River near Champaknagar.
- (ii) Construction of Rain Water Reservoir on Champacherra near Champaibari including rehabilitation of Katakhal Drain, Tripura (total cost of (i) & (ii) Rs. 179.85 crores).
- (iii) Construction of 132 KV Sub-station at Kanchanpur along with 132 KV Single Circuit Transmission Line from Kanchanpur with associated civil work at North Tripura District (cost Rs. 34.06 crores).

The scheme for of construction Water Reservoir on Haora River and Champacherra are to be taken up with the objective of not only flood control and provision of irrigation facilities to a large number of people but would also address the problem of water supply for Agartala city and provide a long term solution for the same. It is also proposed to setup water sports and other activities based on the Water Reservoir for tourism facilities in the future.

The Power Department schemes is for construction of 132 KV Sub-station at Kanchanpur and 132 KV Transmission Line from Kanchanpur to Vanghnun a North Tripura District.

After detailed discussion and deliberation on these schemes the Committee approved all the three schemes in principle. Implementation of the schemes will begin once DPRs are submitted for financial sanction.

Approval for these schemes marks an important achievement for the Government. This will greatly benefit people staying in the catchment area of the scheme. After extension of the benefit of irrigation, the cropping intensity in that area can be increased to 220% after construction of these two dams. Moreover drinking water supply to Agartala city will also be assured besides mitigation of severe flood problem. The tourism will get a big boost by creating two huge water bodies surrounded by undiluted beauty of nature.

The Power Department scheme will ensure stable and regular power supply to Kanchanpur sub division town and also stabilize power availability in the Jampui Hill Region which is an important tourism destination as well.

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