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Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Biplab Kumar Deb met Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Jitendra Singh, MoS, Minister of DoNER, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Union Finance Minister in New Delhi on 25th & 26th September, 2019 to discuss important proposals and pending projects of Government of Tripura.

2. Hon'ble Chief Minister met *Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Union Home Minister* has requested for completing unfinished Indo-Bangladesh Border to prevent infiltration of extremists, early sanction of ICP at Sabroom to promote trade with Bangladesh, to expedite CBI action in connection with Rose Valley Chit Fund Scam and early completion of investigation into murder of two journalists in Tripura for speedy justice to the families of victims, deployment of two TSR Battalions outside the State so that State Government will be able to recruit two more Battalions for the unemployed youth and to expedite High Level Committee which is looking into socio economic and other issues of Indigenous people. Hon'ble Home Minister assured to take positive action to consider all the issues of the State Government at the earliest

3. Hon'ble Chief Minister requested Shri Jitendra Singh, MoS, Minister of DoNER to sanction pending NLCPR projects and requested DoNER Ministry to ensure that all Ministries spend 10 % of their gross budgetary support in North East. He requested the Minister to ensure more allocation to the States which are able to spend and implement projects more efficiently.

4. Hon'ble Chief Minister met Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti and discussed pending proposals. The Minister has agreed to release Rs 19 crore to take up surface water irrigation projects and also agreed for sinking of 300 deep tube wells for irrigation at a cost of Rs 97.1722 crores to irrigate an area of 4100 ha and 231 shallow tube wells with the project cost of Rs 15.4587 crores will be sanctioned. The Hon'ble

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Minister also agreed to sanction repairs, renovation and restoration of Rudrasagar Lake at a cost of Rs 160.423 crores. This will provide irrigation to 448 ha and will become more attractive tourist destination of Tripura. He also asked to submit the proposal for a Dam at a Champak Nagar which will meet drinking water needs of Agartala city and prevent flooding.

5. Hon'ble Chief Minister met Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Shri Rattan Lal Kataria, Hon'ble Minister of State and Secretaries of Social Justice and Department of Disability were also present during the meeting. The Hon'ble Minister agreed to sanction Hostels for SC/ST boys & girls and approved retrofitting of 6 buildings under Accessible India Campaign for Rs 7.48 crores and also promised to sanction remaining 8 buildings for Rs 14 crores. Hon'ble Minister also informed that Ministry will consider funding of a Drug De Addiction centre in Tripura if a proposal is submitted. Chief Minister also requested to sanction District Disability Rehabilitation Centers in the 4 new districts of Tripura to help Divyang people to get rehabilitation services in their own districts. Hon'ble Minister has agreed to sanction 4 DDRCs

6. Hon'ble Chief Minsiter met Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Union Finance Minister and requested to consider One-time special assistance of Rs 1018.85 crores to Tripura for completion of incomplete projects which were taken up in the past. He also requested to increase the Additional Market Borrowing for Rs 452.84 crores. He also requested to increase RIDF from existing Rs 200 crores to Rs 400 crores for taking up more infrastructure projects in Tripura. Hon'ble Finance Minister has agreed for increasing the borrowing limit and also for increasing the NABARD assistance to Tripura during the year. She also agreed to consider one time assistance for completing pending projects in Tripura.
