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Rejoinder

The Industries and Commerce Department, Govt. of Tripura, reacting to the news items published "Delay over third border haat causes frustration." on 28-11-2020 in North East Colors has issued a Rejoinder. The Rejoinder goes like this –

The news regarding setting up new border Haat at Kathalia (Sepahijala, Tripura, India) – Jagatrapur (Comilla, Bangladesh) (Border Pillar No. 2096/3s to 2096/5s), which was published on 28.11.2020 in the local daily North East Colors, titled "Delay over third Border Haat cause frustration" is not correct.

The factual status on setting up new border Haat at Kathalia (Sepahijala, Tripura, India) – Jagatrapur (Comilla, Bangladesh) (Border Pillar No. 2096/3s to 2096/5s) are as below:

In the Second meeting of the Bangladesh-India Joint Committee on Border Haat which was held on 23-24 April, 2019 in Sylhet, Bangladesh, decision was taken to set up new border Haat at Kathalia (Sepahijala, Tripura, India) – Jagatrapur (Comilla, Bangladesh) (Border Pillar No. 2096/3s to 2096/5s).

Joint inspection by the district administration of Sepahijala and Comilla was done on 26.02.2020. A proposal was prepared for establishment of Kathalia-Jagatrapur Border Haat was also submitted along with the sketch map (with Khatian No) after obtaining counter signature on the said proposal by the representative of Tripura and Bangladesh.

The location of Kathalia (Sepahijala, Tripura, India) – Jagatrapur (Comilla, Bangladesh) Border Haat is as below-

Name of corresponding place in Tripura, India – Kathalia, Sonamura, Sepahijala District, Tripura.

Name of corresponding place in Bangladesh – Jagatrapur, Chouddagram, Comilla District, Bangladesh.

Border Pillar No. 2096/3s to 2096/5s

Area of land: 75 mtr. x 75 mtr.

The said proposal was sent to the Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Department of Commerce, Govt. of India, on 01-06-2020 to consider sanction of Kathalia (Sepahijala, Tripura, India) – Jagatrapur (Comilla, Bangladesh) Border Haat. The sanction of the proposal is still awaited from the concerned Ministry of Government of India.