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**Review meeting of Industries & Commerce department at Secretariat**

**Entrepreneurs in the state should be encouraged to set up industries: CM**

Investment in industries is necessary to accelerate the economic development of the state which is why more entrepreneurs in the state should be encouraged to set up industries. The state has now an ideal environment and potential for setting up industries. The Department of Industries and Commerce must take the initiative to harness this potential, stated Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb in a review meeting of Industries and Commerce department at the Secretariat on 1<sup>st</sup> October. He said, for industrial development in the state, emphasis should be given on setting up industries based on the various products produced in the state. In this case, he emphasized on setting up industries based on state's bamboo, rubber, honey, etc. resources. He also asked the concerned department to take necessary steps to pursue Bangladeshi entrepreneurs for industrial investment in the state. He said, there is scope for setting up power intensive industry in the state. Besides, industrial units of rubber wood furniture, transformer making units, LED bulbs etc. can be set up in the state. Development of this industry will improve the economic condition of the state as well as create employment opportunities. He also emphasized attracting major investors from outside the state to set up industries in Sabroom special economic zone. At the same time, he laid special emphasis on building more manufacturing units in the state. The Chief Minister expressed that as a result there would be employment opportunities for the local people of the state.

He advised the department to take up necessary initiatives for setting up a border *haat* at Simna. He also ordered the department to complete setting up of other border *haats* in different parts of the state. He advised to improve the condition of already running border *haats*. He asked the department to take necessary steps to further expand the scope of trade and commerce in the state through Integrated Check Posts. He emphasized on regular monitoring by the department of Industries and Commerce to ensure proper implementation of central and state projects, staying in touch with banks for the same. At the meeting, the Chief Minister emphasized on training of calligraphers and electricians and asked the department to take necessary steps to undertake such training programs on a large scale across the state. Chief Minister also advised the department to organise different yearly fairs focusing on various sectors at Hapania.

Chief Minister in the review meeting emphasized upon spreading more awareness on Pradhan Mantri Formulization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises scheme so that the youths get more informed about such things, if required through seminars or press conferences. He also directed the department to take up a project for the welfare of tea workers. Issues such as setting up more new CNG stations, setting up of state level trade, present condition of Bodhjungnagar industrial estate, development of trade infrastructure of 15 industrial estates in the state with the help of ADB also came up for discussion.

Director of the department T.K Chakma in the meeting discussed about Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation Programme, Swabalamban scheme, present status of state's trade

infrastructure etc. During the discussion, the director also spoke about the industrial units registered under Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum. Current status of Badarghat Industrial Estate, AD Nagar Industrial Estate upgrade etc. found place in his discussion. While discussing foreign trade at the meeting, he informed about the present infrastructural condition of the 6 Notified Land Customs stations. He said that at present Srinagar and Kamalasagar Border Haats are open. Approval has been received for setting up of border *haat* in Kamalpur and Raghna. He said there are currently 18 government and two private ITIs in the state. Plans are there to upgrade Womens ITI into Model ITI. The director also discussed the new initiatives of the department and the annual work plan for the financial year 2021-22. He also discussed about Tripura Bamboo Mission, Tripura Jute Mill.

Skill development programmes in the state were also discussed in the meeting. Director of Skill development Sanjay Chakraborty discussed on PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0, PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0 ST etc. as well as the success of Sankalp and Samarth projects. Others present in the meeting were Minister of Industries and Commerce Manoj Kanti Deb, Chief Secretary Kumar Alok, Secretary of Industries Commerce P.K Goyal.

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