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*Dr. B.R. Ambedkar*

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## DEVELOPMENTS WITH REFERENCE TO NORTH EASTERN REGION

1. Union Home Minister Shri P. Chidambaram visited Mizoram on 4-5<sup>th</sup> April, 2012. The Home Minister had a meeting with the Chief Minister Shri Lal Thanhawla, State Government Ministers and Senior Government Officials at the Raj Bhawan in Aizawl on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.

Repatriation and rehabilitation of Bru refugees, modernisation of State Police Forces, Indo-Bangladesh border fencing and road projects and land acquisition for establishing Border Out Posts (BOPs) for the BSF were some of the other issues discussed in the meeting.

The Union Home Minister on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 visited Damdai and Tuipabari villages of Mamit district where Bru families have resettled and urged the Bru community in Mizoram to convince their brothers & sisters lodged in the Tripura relief camps to return to Mizoram. He assured the Bru community that the Central Government would do everything to ensure proper resettlement of the Bru refugees from Tripura.

2. Tripartite talks with ULFA were held on 9.4.2012 under the chairmanship of Union Home Secretary to review the progress made in talks and also to discuss their demands.

3. Union Home Secretary reviewed the implementation of Bodo Accord in a meeting held on 18.4.2012 with Chief Executive member and other members of Bodo Territorial Council (BTC).

4. Unlawful Activity (Prevention) Tribunal has confirmed the ban on NLFT and ATTF, Tripura under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 for two years w.e.f. 3.10.2011.

5. Home Secretary held a meeting on 24.4.2012 with the Chief Secretary, Manipur and other senior officials from the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to review the progress of the



work on NH-37 and the project for laying of a new Railway line from Jiribam to Imphal in Manipur.

6. On 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2012, 103 assorted UGs of various groups along with their weapons surrendered before

the Chief Minister of Manipur in the presence of the State Home Minister, Chief Secretary, the Director General of Police, JS(NE), Ministry of Home Affairs and Assam Rifles officials at the IG AR (South) Hqr.

**ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT UNDER CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMME BY CENTRAL ARMED POLICE FORCES**

**(a) Activities carried out by Assam Rifles**

**1. Assam Rifles organised medical camps & health awareness camps**

(i) 46 Assam Rifles organised a free medical camp at Vokbul (L) village under Churachandpur district on 02 April 2012. A total of about 223 patients of the surrounding villages availed the benefit of the free medical camp in which free medicines were also distributed. The Medical team, apart from providing Medical Assistance also impressed upon the villagers on the importance of maintaining hygiene and sanitation to prevent various diseases which are prevalent in the area. The medical camp received an overwhelming response from the people who expressed their deep gratitude to the Security Forces for organising the medical camp.

(ii) 27 Assam Rifles organized a health awareness camp on malaria at Parum Pantha in Thoubal district on 06 Apr 2012 to create awareness among local people about Malaria and the ways to prevent it. The Doctors and paramedical staff of the unit carried out free medical check-up and distributed free medicines. Medical teams also explained preventive

measures to control malaria. 121 villagers attended the camp. Similar medical camp organised on 08 April, 2012 was attended by 250 villagers.

(iii) 38 Assam Rifles organised a rural health cum awareness camp at Aibulon village, Churachandpur district, Manipur on 10 April 2012. The aim of the camps was to provide free medical care and to explain to the local population the importance of hygiene and sanitation. A total of 173 people were given free medical check-up and treatment including medicines during the medical camp. The people of the area appreciated the efforts and suggested that more such camps be organised.

(iv) 39 Assam Rifles organised a free medical camp at Songdo village on 12 April 2012, as part of civic action programme of providing medical cover to the entire region of Thinghat sub-division in Churachandpur district. A total of 250 patients of Songdo village took the benefit of the free medical camp in which free medicines were distributed. Mr. Thang Khan Mung, Chief of Songdo village expressed his deep gratitude to Assam Rifles for the continued support provided to the villagers time and again.



*Medical camps and health awareness camps organised by Assam Rifles*

**2. Assam Rifles celebrated Easter at Kohima orphanage.**

Commander, 5 Assam Rifles along with Commandant 16 Assam Rifles celebrated Easter on 08 Apr 12 with the children and staff members of Kohima orphanage and destitute home. The

commander presented the orphanage a 21 inch colour TV and musical instruments and distributed sweets on the occasion. The Commander assured the orphanage of all possible help from Assam Rifles. The management of orphanage thanked Assam Rifles for their gesture.



Assam Rifles celebrates Easter day

**3. Assam Rifles distributes furniture, Solar street lights and books to school children.**

(i) 28 Assam Rifles distributed furniture to Lau Pau Chum L P School of Imphal East and six Solar Lights to the Nongmaiching Vaiphe village of Andro on 07 Apr 2012. Brig Navneet Kumar, Commander 9 Sector Assam Rifles graced the occasion as the chief guest. He emphasised that Assam Rifles would continue to strive for the welfare and security of the people and it will always endeavour to give meaningful assistance to the people of Manipur. The village authorities and populace of the area attended the

**4. IG AR (South) interacts with village chiefs.**

IGAR(S) Maj Gen UK Gurung, YSM accompanied by Brig Upendra Dwivedi, Commander, 26 Sector attended an event conducted by 24 Assam Rifles on 09 Apr 2012 in Kwatha village. IGAR(S) interacted with the village chiefs of Kwatha, Khunou and Molphei villages.



AR interaction with village chiefs

**5. Assam Rifles organized free coaching class & pre-recruitment awareness.**

(i) 14 Assam Rifles conducted pre- recruitment awareness for local Mizo boys on 03 April 08 to April 2012. A total of 30 candidates participated in the programme. The unit provided transportation and other necessary administrative arrangements to the



Distribution of Solar lights by AR

event.

(ii) 39 Assam Rifles distributed Books to School Children of various villages under Singhat sub division in Churachandpur district. Most of the villages are located in remote and interior parts of the district consisting of the population living below poverty line. The School authorities and villagers expressed their deep sense of gratitude towards the security forces for their noble gesture. These efforts will go a long way in strengthening the bond between the locals and the security forces.

Kwatha Youth Club presented cultural programmes which included Manipuri folk dance and martial arts demonstration. IGAR (S) felicitated the participants, distributed prizes and announced monetary help to the school. He appreciated the talent displayed by the village children in the painting competition conducted on the occasion of Easter celebration.



Pre-recruitment Training organised by AR

trainees to appear in the recruitment rally at Aizawl on 10 Apr 2012.

(ii) 28 Assam Rifles organised free coaching classes wef 09 Apr 2012 for written exam for the candidates who have qualified in PST/PET, to be conducted on 22 Apr 2012 for selection as constable (general duty) in CAPFs and Riflemen (general duty) in Assam Rifles





held at different places in Manipur during Feb-Mar 2012. Approx 100 candidates attended the awareness classes.

(iii) Awareness class of the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) pre-recruitment was organized by 26 Assam



*Free Coaching classes organised by AR*

Rifles for the common recruitment of constable/ Rifleman (general duty) for the year 2012 -13 from 02 Apr to 14 Apr 2012 for selected candidates of SSC. The main purpose of class was to help candidates to understand the written test of SSC.



*SSC pre-recruitment rally organised by AR*

**6. 7th Edition of Governor's Cup Golf Tournament.**

7th Edition of Governor's cup Golf tournament 2012 was organised at Mantripukhri Ecological Park & Training Area (MEPTA) of Headquarter Inspector General Assam Rifles (South) Assam Rifles on 14-

15 Apr 2012. A total of 42 participants took part in the tournament under three teams namely MEPTA, MGA (Manipur Golf Association) and RSEPTA (Red Shield Ecological park and Training Area). The Governor's Cup 2012 was won by MGA, MEPTA being the runners up.

**7. Assam Rifles organised Meitei Cheraoba Festival.**

On 13 Apr 2012, Meitei Cheraoba festival was organised by the local people of Singjamei and the

adjoining villages at Chinga Leirambi Devi Temple at Singjamei COB of 28 AR. The Unit provided all assistance to the people who had gathered to celebrate the festival. Approx 7000 devotees attended the celebration.



*Meitei Cheraoba festival organised by AR in Singjamei village*



**8. Assam Rifles Wives Welfare Association President visits Mother Teresa Home in Manipur.**

Mrs Uma Gurung, the President, Assam Rifles Wives Welfare Association (ARWWA), Headquarter Inspectorate General, Assam Rifles (South) with

other members visited Mother Teresa Home on 13 Apr 2012 and interacted with the inmates, patients and kids and learnt about their lifestyles and problems faced by them. The ARWWA gifted food items and monetary assistance to the inmates.



### 9. Assam Rifles conducted Pulse Polio Immunization.

Assam Rifles Units under Headquarter Inspectorate General, Assam Rifles (South) participated in the National Intensified Pulse polio immunization programme (IPPI) in collaboration with the Health Department on 15 April, 2012. A large number of children under the age of 5 years, residing in the adjoining



areas of Assam Rifles camps were administered oral polio drops and immunized against polio. 27 Assam Rifles, 17 Assam Rifles, 23 Assam Rifles, 9 Assam Rifles and 12 Assam Rifles and 35 Assam Rifles carried out intensified Pulse Polio Immunization Program (IPPI) on 15 Apr 2012 for the children under the age of 05 years at Kakching, Somsai, Shangshak, Moreh, Chassad and Sajik Tampak, respectively.

## INDIA'S SECOND RUBBER PARK IN TRIPURA

India's second industrial rubber park has come up in Bodungnagar in western Tripura, which will boost the country's elastic polymer industry. The park, a joint venture between the Tripura Industrial Development Corporation (TIDC) and the Rubber Board, is the second of its kind in the country after the rubber park in Irapuram, Kerala.

The park has been created at a cost of Rs. 23 crore at the Bodhungnagar Industrial Growth Centre, 15 km north of Agartala. At least 20 rubber-based industrial projects would be set up in the park in the next few years. The rubber park was built in an area of about 58 acres of land and over Rs. 75 crore is expected to be invested in the park over a period of three years.

A rubber product development and display centre and a rubber museum have been set up in the park. Establishment of the Park would lead to significant direct employment generation for 1,000

to 1,500 people. Tripura is the second largest rubber producer in the country after Kerala with 65,000 hectares of land so far brought under cultivation producing 30,000 tonnes of natural rubber annually.

The state has the potential to increase the production of rubber to 60,000 tonnes per year in a period of five years. The products proposed to be manufactured in the rubber park include cycle and two-wheeler tyres and tubes, retreading of old tyres, auto components, flaps, chappals, sports goods, latex foam, coated fabrics, hot water bag, mattresses and pillows, automotive rubber components and rubber threads.

Products from the park, funded by the union Commerce Ministry under the ASIDE (Assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities) scheme, are expected to meet the needs of North Eastern states and are expected to be exported to neighbouring countries.

## BORDER AREAS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA DURING 11TH PLAN

1. Border Areas Development Department is implementing the State Plan Schemes and also scheme of special central assistance under Border

Areas Development Programme (BADP) which is 100% funded by the Central Government. The schemes under Border Areas Development Programme are being

implemented by the local committees formed by the villages concerned with technical supervision from the Department, Employment generation amongst the local people of the area is the basic objective of the BADP programme.

2. During the year 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12, an amount of Rs. 1029.00 lakh, Rs. 1267 lakh, Rs. 1647 lakh, Rs. 2202 lakh and Rs. 2000 lakh respectively, have been approved under special central assistance by the Government of India for implementation of various developmental schemes duly approved by the state level screening committee in the border areas of the State.

In the year 2007-08 the following projects were taken up:

- (i) Link Roads- 21 Nos. (Construction and metalling and blacktopping).
- (ii) Suspension foot bridges- 8 numbers
- (iii) RCC Foot bridges- 41 numbers
- (iv) Ropeways- 5 numbers
- (v) Community Halls-18 numbers
- (vi) Others 346- numbers

In the year 2008-09 the following projects were taken up:

- (i) Link Roads- 34 Nos. (Construction and metalling and blacktopping)
- (ii) Suspension foot bridges-5 numbers
- (iii) RCC Foot bridges-32 numbers
- (iv) Ropeways 1- numbers
- (v) Community Halls-11 numbers
- (vi) Others-179 numbers

In the year 2009-10 the following projects were taken up:

- (i) Link Roads- 29 Nos. (Construction and metalling and blacktopping)
- (ii) Suspension foot bridges-9 numbers
- (iii) RCC Foot bridges-40 numbers
- (iv) Community Halls-21 numbers
- (vi) Others-223 numbers

In the year 2011-12, the following projects were taken up

- (i) Roads - 34 Nos.
- (ii) Community Halls - 17 Nos.
- (iii) RCC Foot bridges - 42 Nos.
- (iv) Suspension foot bridges - 5 Nos.
- (v) Ropeways - 6 Nos.
- (vi) Others- 250 numbers

**Rural Roads:** Road communication is one of the main contributing factors for accelerating the pace of all round development activities particularly in the border areas of the State. The State plan allocation for construction of rural roads in the border areas were Rs. 100 lakh in 2007-08, Rs. 300 lakh in 2008-09, 272 lakh in 2009-10, Rs. 75 lakh in 2010-11 and Rs. 125 lakh in 2011-12. The fund/ allocations were fully utilised and 30 km of rural roads were constructed in the border areas.

**Education:** Rs. 42.00 lakh in 2007-08, Rs. 32.93 lakh in 2008-09, Rs. 32.93 lakh in 2009-10 and Rs. 40.14 lakh in 2011-12 respectively was sanctioned for providing stipend/scholarship to 2891, 2363, 2363,2363 and 2880 students hailing from the notified border villages of the State studying in different secondary schools, Higher Secondary schools, Colleges and University in the country. The Scholarship/stipend scheme is being implemented through the Education Department.

#### Progress during 11<sup>th</sup> Plan in terms of creation of physical infrastructure

Indicators	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
	Unit	Amount	Unit	Amount	Unit	Amount	Unit	Amount	Unit	Amount
<b>A. BADP</b>										
1. Roads	21	147.05	34	293.88	29	181.97	33	918.22	31	413.21
2. Suspension Foot-bridge	8	96.8	5	130.90	9	411.93	14	164.00	5	72.00
3. RCC Footbridge	41	116.12	32	106.59	40	65.65	23	141.00	42	234.26
4. Ropeway	5	45.18	1	9.00	Nil	Nil	5	52.5	6	71.40
5. Community Hall	18	20.71	11	49.50	21	122.60	16	75.00	17	82.90
6. Misc	346	603.14	179	677.13	223	864.85	220	851.28	250	1126.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>1029.00</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>1267.00</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>1647.00</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>2202.00</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>2000.00</b>



### Progress under Plan scheme during 11th Plan

Scheme	Physical Indicator		Expenditure (Rs In lakhs)		Cumulative
	2007-08	latest (11-12)	2007-08	Latest (11-12)	
1. SCA (BADP)	439	351	1029.00	2000.00	3029.00
2. Road Programme PWD (Roads)	5	6	125.71	91.93	217.64
3. Land Acquisition	15	16	66.63	18.35	84.99
4. C.A under Article 275	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	459	373	1221.34	2110.29	3331.6

### Schemes recommended for 12th Plan

Scheme	Physical target		Estimated Cost (Rs in Lakhs)	
	Latest (11-12)		2016-17	
1. SCA (BADP)	351	2000.00	1755	10000.00
2. Road Programme PWD (Roads)	6	91.93	30	459.66
3. Land Acquisition	16	18.35	80	91.77
4. C.A under Article 275	Nil	Nil	5	200.00
Total	373	2110.29	1870	10751.43

**Land Acquisition:** An amount of Rs. 66,63,360/- in 2007-08, Rs. 62,12,500 in 2008-09, Rs. 44,41,400/- in 2009-10, Rs. 29,68,218/- in 2010-11 and Rs. 18,35,402/- in 2011-12 respectively has been sanctioned for the construction/improvement/renovation/painting/electrification/water supply of departmental buildings of Border Areas Development Offices.

#### Special Plan Assistance- Multi- Facility Centres (MFC) in rural Meghalaya

There are about 6000 villages in Meghalaya of which 1523 villages are located in the border areas. As Meghalaya is a Sixth Schedule area, there are no Panchayat Raj institutions (PRI) in the State. The traditional institutions of village durbar, nokma, syiem and dolloi have key roles in decision making process on issues concerning the community and land related matters. There are institutions like the Seng Kynthei (women association), Seng Samla (youth association), mother's union etc., which concern themselves with the well being and interest of particular sections of the community. New structures such as the Village Employment Council (VEC), Area Employment Council (AEC), Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSC) etc., have been created to implement various flagship development

programmes of the government. There is a strong need to nurture and support these grass root institutions and to effectively partner with them to strengthen governance and to achieve overall well being of the people.

Due to the absence of a legacy of PRIs, little investment has been made in basic infrastructure. Nurturing and partnering with traditional as well as newer structures should therefore involve, creation of basic infrastructure at the village and cluster levels and secondly, capacity building of the various sections of the community- traditional elders, women and the youth. The village communities attach high priority to the creation of infrastructure in the form of community halls and meeting halls as most villages do not have places where the community can meet and deliberate on common issues.

A Multi-Facility Centre (MFC) is therefore visualized as means to bridge one of the basic infrastructure gaps in the villages. The centre is envisaged as the hub of community life and not simply a community hall/ meeting hall.

During the year 2010-11, an amount of Rs. 7.68 crores was sanctioned under Special Plan assistance for implementation of 24 Multi Facility Centres @ Rs. 32 lakh each.

## HOME COMING CEREMONY AT HQ IGAR (SOUTH), MANIPUR

103 UGs surrendered unconditionally in front of the Chief Minister, Shri O Ibobi Singh in a simple home coming ceremony organized by HQ IGAR (S) at Mantripukhri, Manipur. The ceremony was attended by the State Home Minister Shri Gaikhangam, Chief Secretary Shri D S Poonia, DGP Shri Ratnakar Baral, IGAR (S) Maj Gen U K Gurung and members of the press.

The UGs belonged to the outfits such as UNLF, PLA, KCP, KYKL, PREPAK, KNLF, UNPC, NSCN (K), KRPA, KRF, UPPK and PULF. A large number of weapons including Ak-47s, M-16s, Carbines and Pistols were surrendered.

The efforts made by Assam Rifles to get misled

youths back into mainstream with the support of State govt has resulted in improved security situation in Manipur. Conduct of fair and smooth assembly election in the recent past coupled with spurt in surrenders as signified by the second such ceremony in Mantripukhri, is symptomatic of return of normalcy and disenchantment of the youth with violence and cult of gun.

The surrenderees and specially their family members who were carried away by emotions conveyed their sincere thanks to Assam Rifles for guiding them towards the right path and giving them the opportunity to join the main stream.

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