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The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Inter-State Regional Conference of Tourism Ministers of East and North East States held at Gangtok on 06th December, 2009 under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister for Tourism & HUPA for kind information and necessary action.


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**MINUTES OF THE INTER-STATE REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF TOURISM
MINISTERS OF EAST AND NORTH EASTERN STATES HELD ON 06TH
DECEMBER, 2009 AT GANGTOK IN SIKKIM**

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A day long Inter-State Regional Conference of Tourism Ministers of East and North Eastern States was held on 06th December, 2009 at Chintan Bhawan, Gangtok, Sikkim under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister (Tourism & HUPA).

The list of participants is enclosed.

2. The objective of the Conference was to provide a platform for interaction with the ten States of East and North East region viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Orissa and West Bengal and share the experiences on innovative projects, initiatives and best practices adopted by the States for development and promotion of tourism. The Conference was divided into three sessions viz. Inaugural Session, Technical Session-I with the State Governments and Technical Session-II with the State Governments and Stakeholders. Between the two Technical Sessions, Hon'ble Union Minister for Tourism interacted with the local press.

3. Shri Bhim Prasad Dhungel, Hon'ble Minister (Tourism), Sikkim while welcoming the delegates, delineated the tourism potentials of the State of Sikkim and exhorted the delegates to enjoy the hospitality of the people of Sikkim.

4. Secretary (Tourism), Government of India, in his opening remarks described Sikkim as Mystical and Mythical and lauded the efforts of the Government of Sikkim in tapping the tourism potentials of the State and developing innovative destinations through Central Financial Assistance.

5. Secretary (Tourism) while highlighting the initiatives taken by the Ministry of Tourism in the recent past with the objective of making tourism a major propellant of economic growth in the East and North East region urged all the ten States to reap the benefit of Central Financial Assistance schemes of the Ministry of Tourism for creating world class tourism infrastructure. He also emphasized the need for the use of local material and vernacular architecture for creating infrastructure particularly in the construction of tourist bungalows, guest houses and restaurants. The need for ensuring community participation in tourism projects was also highlighted.

6. Secretary (Tourism) outlined the initiatives taken by the Ministry of Tourism in harnessing the hospitality related skills through broad-basing of hospitality education and skill upgradation & skill development in IHMs and FCIs. He urged upon all the ten States to avail the benefit of this Ministry's initiatives.

7. All the State Governments were explained the need for proper utilization of Central Financial Assistance granted by Ministry of Tourism in a time-bound manner. Secretary (Tourism) informed the State Governments that with a view to streamline the Monitoring Mechanism, a new web based PMIS Software has been designed by NIC. This software enables online submission of Project Proposals, UCs/CCs and tracking of implementation status.

8. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim, Shri Pawan Chamling in his address briefly showcased the tourism products and potentials of the state. He stated that from day one, Govt. of Sikkim have taken conscious decision to promote tourism on environmentally sustainable basis. Creation of environment conservation measures including biodiversity parks, herbal gardens, butterfly parks and birds sanctuary have also become a 'must see' destinations for visiting tourists.

9. He also stated that ever since the integration of Sikkim into the North East fraternity, they are consistently making their efforts to contribute towards composite sense of development in all spheres of activities. He opined that all the NE States could collectively bring out a comprehensive tourism road map for the entire region taking into account the rich natural resources that this region hosts. He informed the gathering that the Government of Sikkim would be observing the year 2010 as the **"Year of Tourism"** to effectively reposition Sikkim at national and international level.

10. Hon'ble Union Minister for Tourism, while addressing the conference said that a State Level Monitoring Committee should be constituted by East and North East States, which would not only regularly monitor but also send a quarterly or half-yearly report to the Union Ministry of Tourism. Further, States were requested to acknowledge by indicating the name of the Ministry on the Foundation Stone at the projects financed by the Union Ministry of Tourism. She further urged that all the projects should not only be completed but made functional so that the tourists and other stakeholders may take full benefit of the central financial assistance. Needless to say that any tourist amenity should essentially have proper water supply, electricity, well maintained approach road and proper landscaping, the Minister added.

11. Hon'ble Union Minister for Tourism, thereafter gave a brief account of the initiatives taken by the Ministry of Tourism for overall development of India's tourism sector. The Minister informed the conference that the Union Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the policy of broad basing hospitality education. It is, vocational schools, polytechnics, universities and colleges would be involved to meet the growing demand of trained manpower in hospitality sector. She urged all State Governments present in the Conference to avail of this opportunity to increase skilled manpower in tourism sector.

12. Referring to the responsible tourism initiatives, the Minister said 153 rural sites including 51 sites in the East and Northeast Regions are being developed under the Rural Tourism Scheme. The traditional artisans from these sites have been given exposure to national/international platforms.

13. Referring to West Bengal rural tourism potential, Union Minister for Tourism mentioned about a village named **BORAL** near Kolkata which was the shooting location of legendary film maker Satyajit Ray's maiden movie **Pather Panchali**. She said, this movie shot him into fame in world cinema and this location could offer excellent potential as a rural tourism site. The Minister said, Boral could be developed as a major attraction for the connoisseurs of films the world over as well as tourists in general. She further suggested that West Bengal tourism may promote such niche products and she was sure that all the States may have such innovative product, which can be promoted in India and abroad.

14. She said that the States of North Eastern Region offer extraordinary prospects for green-tourism. Ministry of Tourism would like to promote suitable locations for such projects on **Mission Mode**. The projects will be conceived and developed based on local resources, raw materials and talents. Vernacular Architecture will be adopted in its entirety. Ministry of Tourism would like to encourage all the stakeholders including the civil societies and NGO'S to come forward to develop local facilities.

15. She also stated that in spite of our having realized tourism's importance, the sector is yet to see its full potential. There are indeed some hurdles that are blocking the exploitation to its full capacity. She said, this conference aims at perusing, analyzing and examining at length these blockages so as to ensure inclusive and sustainable development of tourism sector.

SESSION – II

16. In the Second Session, Additional Secretary (Tourism), Govt. of India made a brief presentation outlining the overview of the initiatives taken by the Ministry of Tourism, Tourism Infrastructure and issues about facilitation of tourists. It was pointed out that at present there is a huge demand for skilled personnel in the hospitality sector and initiatives are being taken to fill this gap. Ministry of Tourism has initiated several programmes to fill this demand in IHMs, FCIs and by way of broad basing of hospitality education where other institutions are being roped in to start hospitality courses for which Ministry of Tourism has been providing the funds. Skill testing and certification of service providers has been taken up in a big way and facilities such as stipend/uniform etc. are being provided to the trainees. Besides the hospitality education, the initiatives to develop heliports, convention centers and rationalization of luxury tax were also touched upon.

17. The observations made by the inspection teams of the Ministry of Tourism were communicated without naming the States. Copy of the observations of the inspection team, was however, handed over to the State Government participants. Secretary (Tourism) also urged upon the State Governments to draw up long-term perspective tourism plan and put them on the public domain so as to enable the residents of the State to know as to what would be the future of their State so far as tourism is concerned. He also urged that CFA should be utilized for creating world class infrastructure and the same should not be spent unnecessarily on earthwork.

18. State Tourism Minister, Govt. of West Bengal made a brief speech followed by a presentation made by Secretary (Tourism), Govt. of West Bengal emphasizing the need for working together for development and promotion of tourism in West Bengal by (i) positioning Kolkata as the Gateway to Eastern and North Eastern India, (ii) extending Buddhist Circuit Train service to Kolkata via New Jalpaiguri and onward to Bhubaneswar, Orissa, (iii) improving air connectivity, (iv) exploiting the potential of eco-tourism in West Bengal, etc.

19. Shri T.N. Haokip, Hon'ble Minister (Tourism), Govt. of Manipur while addressing the conference stated that his State is considering a proposal for Integrated Buddhism Circuit involving Yangon-Mandalay-Moreh-Imphal-Arunachal Pradesh-Sikkim-Bodhgaya for which 100 acres of land is ready to be donated by the Govt. of Manipur. He also emphasized that development and upgradation of INA Complex and Polo Complex at Marjing Hill are two important tourist destinations warranting immediate attention. He requested that all the CFA projects submitted by them are cleared urgently. He assured that the State Government will take care of implementation of projects within the stipulated period. Secretary (Tourism), Govt. of India asked for a time schedule for completion of the Convention Centre sanctioned during the current financial year. The State Government replied that it would complete the Convention Centre within two years period. Government of Manipur was also informed that Ministry of Tourism has approved the proposal for setting up of an Institute of Hotel Management (IHM) and was requested to complete the project at the earliest.

20. Shri S. Hiato, Hon'ble Minister (Tourism), Govt. of Mizoram stated that Mizoram needs proper marketing so that the image of the State of being a hostile region is reversed. He urged the Govt. of India to provide assistance for publicity and extend full sponsorships for participation in Fairs & Festivals within the country and abroad. State Government was informed about the MoTs initiatives to publicize North Eastern region which inter-alia include organizing Road Shows, bringing out promotional CDs, films & commercials, supporting India Today Group to bring out a booklet on the Legends and Folklores of North East of India. It was also explained that the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India provides space on complimentary basis to the North Eastern states, in the India Pavilions set up at major international travel fairs and exhibitions, including WTM in London, ITB in Berlin, ATM in Dubai etc. to give the States an opportunity to showcase and promote their tourist destinations and products.

21. He also stated that Aero Sports, an Adventure Tourism activity is picking up in the State requiring training of manpower and maintenance of equipments. He requested grant of CFA for the purpose. Hon'ble Tourism Minister, Govt. of Mizoram urged upon Ministry of Tourism to grant additional financial assistance for running the Institute of Hotel Management of the State for the take off period of five years.

22. Shri Gojen Gadi, Hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh requested Ministry of Tourism to expedite the tourism projects submitted by the State Govt. He assured that the projects will be completed in a time bound manner and necessary steps will be taken to ensure supply of water and electricity in the infrastructure created with the Central Financial Assistance. Secretary (Tourism), Govt. of India requested the state Govt. to have a proper vision document in place at the earliest. Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh raised the issue of reservation of 80% for the Reserved Category and 20% for the General Category at IHM of the state as per State policy. Hon'ble Minister (Tourism & HUPA) stated that the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh may implement reservation policy as per extant Act on the subject.

23. Dr. P.W. Khongjee, Hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary of Meghalaya appealed to the Ministry of Tourism to include following major tourist destinations and circuits in the list of the Ministry of Tourism for CFA :-

Major Tourist Destination

1. Shillong – Cherrapunjee in East Khasi Hills
2. Balpakram National Park – Siju Cave in West Garo Hills

Major Travel Circuits

1. Shillong–Mawphlang–Cherrapunjee–Mawsynram–Jakrem–Shillong
2. Guwahati – Tura-Balpakram-Siju Cave-Shillong / Guwahati

He also requested Ministry of Tourism to consider their proposals on priority basis.

24. Secretary (Tourism), Govt. of Assam, Shri Atul Chaturvedi requested Ministry of Tourism to grant CFA for organizing one annual Mega Event to showcase tourism products of the North Eastern states on rotational basis in the North East region. He has been asked to send a proposal. He also requested that overseas offices of MoT might be asked to send more tourists on FAM trips to the North-Eastern region. He requested that business Class Air Seats may be restored in the flights of North Eastern sector. The issue of Intra – Regional flight was also flagged. Joint Secretary, Ministry of DONER, Ms. Jayashree Mukherjee stated that her Ministry would take up the issues with the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

25. Shri T.Ao, Director (Tourism), Govt. of Orissa made a brief presentation on the tourism products and potentials of the state.

26. While commenting during the discussion, Hon'ble Minister Tourism & HUPA appealed to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim to take some sort of Handholding Initiative to help other North – Eastern states in creating better tourism infrastructure as has been done by the Government of Sikkim. She also commented on the lack of maintenance and cleanliness of the public facilities available in various tourist destinations. She urged upon all the state governments to take care of these problems otherwise it will ward off the tourists, be it domestic or international. She called upon all the State Governments to use the services of professional architects while planning infrastructural projects so as to ensure better and appealing look of the projects. State Governments were also requested to integrate water harvesting system in future projects.

27. Secretary (Tourism), Govt. of India summed up the session by observing that (i) Holistic project proposals should be sent by the State Governments to the Ministry of Tourism which may be as per their master plan (ii) Tourism can flourish only when there is better access and connectivity, air services, etc. (iii) A list of consultants in the tourism sector need be finalized by the State Governments so that they can be put in the public domain for use of all concerned (iv) Tourism projects should be capable of converging air, rail, road connectivity, urban amenities, etc.

SESSION – III

28. This was an open session for discussing with the state governments and stakeholders. During the session following issues were taken up for discussion :-

(a) **Rationalization of luxury tax**

Conglomeration of Bengal Hotel Owners Association informed that Govt. of West Bengal charges 10% luxury tax. However, Secretary (Tourism), Govt. of West Bengal informed that luxury tax is charged @ 5% on realized room rent. Assam and Meghalaya are the only other States of the region to charge luxury tax and that to at 20% on published room tariff. Additional Secretary (Tourism) urged upon the State Governments where luxury tax is being charged to consider a uniform rate of 5% on realized room rent.

(b) **Enrollment of Tour Operators with Ministry of Tourism**

Additional Secretary (Tourism) briefly highlighted the benefits of being registered with Ministry of Tourism. He also explained the latest relaxation being offered to the North Eastern states regarding the requirement for such registration. Chairman of North East Chapter of IATO stated that tour operators of Assam do not get approval from MoT as Assam Government do not give license to them. It was clarified that for being registered with the Ministry of Tourism, there is no requirement of registration with the

State Government. One has to request the concerned Regional Director. However, Secretary (Tourism), Govt. of Assam informed that the state government is proposing to introduce a scheme whereby NOCs will be given only to the Tour Operators/Travel Agents who are registered with the State Government. One of the demands of the tour operators of Sikkim was about issuing certificate with logo by the Govt. of India to the recognized tour operators so that the credibility of the tour operator stands certified. Additional Secretary (Tourism) requested all the state governments to get more and more tour operators and travel agents enrolled with the Ministry of Tourism.

(c) **Broad basing of hospitality education and training**

The state governments were requested to make use of the relevant scheme of the Ministry of Tourism on the subject. The state governments that have been granted CFA for setting up of IHMs/FCIs were requested to initiate necessary steps for starting courses immediately and if needed from rented accommodation. It was suggested that the state government should not compromise on the educational qualification/experience/competence of the faculty to be recruited for the purpose.

(d) **Initiation for skills training in hospitality sector**

Additional Secretary (Tourism), Govt. of India explained the scheme of the Govt. of India regarding upgradation of skills in the hospitality sector including "Hunar Se Rozgar". He emphasized that such training would go a long way in making the unemployed youths of the region capable of taking up employment in hospitality sector. He requested the State Governments to reap the benefit of the scheme.

(e) During general discussions, Travel Industry Representatives of the North Eastern states stated that due to the Govt. of India's positive step towards allowing Leave Travel Concession (LTC) to its employees by air to the North Eastern states has seen an upsurge in the tourist traffic in the region. However, Govt. of India's latest decision to allow its employees to fly only by Air India/Indian Airlines flights has become a limiting factor in this case. He has requested that either Air India/Indian Airlines introduce additional flights in the sector or the Central Govt. Employees are allowed to travel by private airlines for the purpose of LTC. Joint Secretary, Ministry of DONER has stated that she will take up the matter with the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Additional Secretary (Tourism), Govt. of India summed the discussions of the day long conference with the following action points/decisions :-

ACTION POINTS

1. Appropriate signages to be put up by the States/UTs for the infrastructure projects accomplished with the Central Financial Assistance clearly acknowledging the contribution of Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India.

(Action : All E&NE States)

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2. Water Supply and electricity be ensured in the projects constructed with the central financial assistance.

(Action : All E&NE States)

3. Holistic project proposals should be sent for consideration of the Ministry of Tourism for seeking Central Financial Assistance.

(Action : All E&NE States)

4. A time schedule regarding implementation and commissioning of the projects may be drawn and accordingly the projects must be completed in a time bound manner.

(Action : All E&NE States)

5. High levels of cleanliness / hygiene to be maintained in the tourism sites to attract greater number of tourists and in consonance with world-class standards.

(Action : All E&NE States)

6. Quality approach roads to be ensured for the tourism sites.

(Action : All E&NE States)

7. Convergence of tourism projects with other programmes is ensured to build integrated tourism projects with all facilities.

(Action : All E&NE States)

8. All the state governments who have been granted CFA for setting up of IHMs/ FCIs to initiate necessary steps for starting courses immediately and if needed from rented accommodation.

(Action : All E&NE States)

9. Wayside amenities across the region may be created with high levels of hygiene and cleanliness.

(Action : All participating E&NE States)

10. States to partake in the broad basing of hospitality education / training of personnel to fill the gap in demand.

(Action : All E&NE States)

11. More and more Road Shows to be organized in the country to promote tourism and state Govts. are to be provide hospitality for the shows.

(Action : All E&NE States/ Stakeholders/Ministry of Tourism)

12. States should ensure the constitution of the monitoring committees for the infrastructure projects that should meet quarterly and send the progress reports to the Ministry of Tourism.

(Action : All E&NE States)

13. Ministry of Tourism would circulate UNWTO Signages and Symbols for universal communication irrespective of language, to be followed by all States Governments/Union Territory Administrations in the country.

(Action : Ministry of Tourism/All E&NE States)

14. Use of new web based PMIS for submission of projects and UCs/CCs.

(Action : All E&NE States / Monitoring Division, NIC, ENE Div. of MoT)

15. Increasing the number of Air India / Indian Airlines flights in the Delhi – North East and Kolkata – North East sector to cope up with the demands of the employees who want to avail LTC. Alternatively the Central Govt. may allow its employees to travel by private airlines for LTC purpose.

(Action : Ministry of DONER—to take up the issue with M/o Civil Aviation/ Ministry of Finance)

16. Efforts to be made to get more and more travel agents / tour operators enrolled with the Ministry of Tourism.

(Action : All E&NE States/TT Div., RD (East), RD I/c(NE) of the Ministry of Tourism)

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