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Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura Shri Biplab Kumar Deb held a detailed meeting with Chairman, Airport Authority of India, Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra in presence Chief Secretary, Shri Sanjeev Ranjan. Following matters were discussed:

1. **Extension of runway length at Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport:**
Modalities were discussed as to how runway length can be increased at Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport, besides the renovation of the terminal building, hangar etc so as to bring the Airport, up to international standards. A proposal in this regard would be prepared by Airports Authority of India at the earliest.
2. **Inauguration of Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport:**
It was decided that Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport will be formally inaugurated with its new interiors, depicting key tourism spots of Tripura like Neermahal, Chhabimura, Matabari and Unakoti. This would be done before the Durga Puja Festival.
3. It was agreed that Airports Authority of India would take up repair and renovation work of Kailashahar Airport urgently. Foundation stone lying ceremony for this purpose would be held in the month of December, 2018.
4. It was decided that the 64 acre land available with Airport Authority of India at Khowai would be developed as a Joint Venture between Government of Tripura and Airports Authority of India for the greater public good.
5. It was also decided to develop a Heliport at Kamalpur. Airports Authority of India will submit a proposal in this regard.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura Shri Biplab Kumar Deb held a discussion with CMD, ONGC Shri Shashi Shanker in the presence of Chief Secretary, Shri Sanjeev Ranjan.

The CMD, ONGC briefed Hon'ble Chief Minister, that after Hon'ble Prime Minister's visit to the State, the exploration activity has been actually doubled in the State, wherein the number of rigs, which are working in the field, have been increased to 6 from an earlier number of 3 rigs.

Hon'ble Chief Minister agreed to visit the ONGC plant in the last week of September so as to encourage the entire ONGC workforce, for further increasing their participation in the development of the State.

The CMD, ONGC expressed his commitment to partner the State efforts to declare the State Open Defecation (ODF) by 31st December, 2018 and assured that the board would positively process the proposal for CSR funding of Rs 81 crore for construction of defunct toilets in the State, in its Board meeting scheduled on 18th September.
