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“Hon’ble Chief Minister, Tripura Shri Biplab Kumar Deb met Shri Nripendra Misra, Principal Secretary to Hon’ble Prime Minister on 20.04.2018 in PMO New Delhi. Following issues were discussed in detail during the meeting:

Additional Financial Support required by the State Government:

Some promises have been made to the people of the State. Fulfilment of all these promises can be possible with additional financial support from the Government of India as the State Government is passing through very difficult financial position and therefore Hon’ble Chief Minister reiterated his request made to Hon’ble Prime Minister for additional funds to fulfil these promises.

Recruitment of Teachers – Grant of one-time relaxation in educational and professional qualifications:

Presently, 12,222 vacancies of teachers are lying vacant. In public interest, it has again been requested to Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India to grant one time relaxation of academic and professional qualifications of teachers laid down by NCTE, so that the vacancies of teachers may be filled up on relaxed norms.

Referring cases relating to murder of Journalists and Chit Fund Companies to CBI:

The State Government has sent proposal to the Government of India for taking up of investigation by CBI, in respect of the following two cases of murder of Journalists:

- a) **Santanu Bhowmik:** relating to Mandai PS Case No.2017/MDI/006, dated 20/09/2017.
- b) **Sudip Datta Bhowmik:** relating to Bodhjunnagar PS Case No.2017/BJN/50, dated 21/11/2017.

c) 63 cases relating to activities of Chit Fund companies in Tripura have also been referred to Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India, for investigation by CBI.

Setting up a Central Agricultural University in Tripura:

Tripura is an agrarian economy, with about 50% population dependent on agriculture. Setting up of a Central Agriculture University will greatly help in developing the agriculture and allied sector. The basic building blocks for the proposed University exist in Tripura. The State Government is committed to provide all possible support in this regard.

Setting up of an AIIMS-like Institution in Tripura:

The North Eastern Region of India including Tripura lacks in specialized healthcare facilities, due to which a large number of poor patients have to go to Delhi and other parts of the country for treatment. In this context, there is a very strong case for setting up of an AIIMS like Institution in Tripura as this will not only benefit people of Tripura but also people of neighbouring lower Assam and Mizoram. Moreover, it would attract large number of patients from eastern Bangladesh which would not only be a good source of foreign exchange but also help in fostering better relations with Bangladesh.

Various other issues relating to development of the State were also discussed in the meeting. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Prime Minister assured that all the above mentioned issues would be properly examined and assured that appropriate action would be taken at the earliest.

Hon'ble Chief Minister also called on to Shri Amit Bhai Shah Ji, Hon'ble National President of BJP at BJP Party Headquarter in New Delhi and sought his blessings. The Hon'ble Chief Minister apprised the Hon'ble National BJP President about various development works/projects being planned by the Government of Tripura and also briefed him about various cabinet decisions taken by the State Government during last 30 days after taking over the charge by Shri Biplab Kumar Deb as Chief Minister of Tripura on 9th March 2018.”
