

**PM flagship programmes reviewed:  
Tripura secures 100 per cent  
sanction in PMAY**

Today a high level review meeting on flagship programmes of the Prime Minister was held at Pragna Bhavan, Agartala in presence of the Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep S. Puri, Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb, Ministers of Urban Development from Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh, secretary to the Government of India for Housing and Urban Development and other senior officials of the Ministry, apart from delegates from eight Northeastern states. Before the review meeting some beneficiaries of Tripura were given awards under Prime Minister's Awas Yojana and National Urban Livelihood Mission. The review meeting was followed by a press conference and signing of MoU between BEL and some states of the region.

Addressing the press the MoHUA Hardeep S. Puri said, during the last four years central assistance worth Rs. 3200 crore has been released to Northeastern states. More than 2.3 lakh houses were sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) only for the Northeastern region. About 1.16 lakh houses have already been grounded. As per the record

Tripura has done quite well in this scheme with 100 per cent sanctioning of houses. An amount of Rs. 3570 crore as central assistance had been sanctioned and Rs. 1520 crore has been released so far for this purpose.

Under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation for Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 12 town of Northeastern states have taken up for development. Under the scheme Tripura has replaced all the targeted 34,500 streetlights with LED lights and Meghalaya has exceeded the target for new water tap connections by installing 10,168 connections. Moreover, Tripura has launched today online building plan approval system (OBPS). Such systems have been launched in 436 AMRUT cities.

Reviewing the Smart City Mission it was informed that ten cities of the region have included in the project through various rounds. In this project Namchi of Sikkim has done remarkably well. To boost the Smart City Mission further today a MoU has been signed between some states and BEL. This MoU was signed for development of cloud-based ICCM system in Imphal, Itanagar, Pasighat, Kohima, Namchi, Gangtok and Shillong. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission four states of the Northeast including Nagaland have been declared Open Defecation-Free (ODF).



