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**CM Dr. Sarma presents sanction letters to inaugurate process of distribution of PMAY (G) houses to 5 lakh beneficiaries**

**6 lakh new beneficiaries to be included in Arunodoi scheme with resultant increase of monthly aid: CM**

Dispur, May 25: Close to government's objective to grant 'Housing for all' in the rural areas, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma along with Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh presented sanction letters to 12 beneficiaries as a part of providing houses to 5 lakh beneficiaries at a programme held at Court Field in Jorhat today.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma termed the day as eventful and memorial in the field of service delivery to the people of the state. He said that the process of giving 5 lakh houses to the beneficiaries under PMAY Gramin started from Jorhat and it would be replicated throughout the state. He said since 2014 when Narendra Modi became Prime Minister of the country till today, Centre has sanctioned 19 lakh houses for Assam with a financial outlay of Rs. 27 thousand crore. Out of this, 7 lakh houses are under different phases of construction and building of another 5 lakh has begun today involving a financial outlay of Rs. 7739.50 crore. As first instalment, steps have been taken to disburse the amount of Rs. 1657.50 crore. He on the occasion also called upon the beneficiaries to make good use of the money which has been disbursed in their bank accounts. At the same time if any undeserving person's name gets included in the beneficiary list, he asked the people to lodge complaint at 1800-1232-35600 help line number.

The Chief Minister further said that of the 12 thousand beneficiaries in Jorhat district, four thousand belong to tea garden communities. He, therefore, asked the tea garden management to provide NoC for the construction of the houses. The scheme meant for people belonging to below poverty line, Dr. Sarma said that the scheme would also lead to strengthening rural economy as the purchase of construction materials like brick, sand, cement, road for building houses would ensure livelihood for the local traders.

Giving a snapshot of the steps that Government of Assam has taken to fulfil electoral promises, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma asked the youth to get involved in productive activities. He also said that State government has set a target of meeting 10 lakh litre of milk by 2026. Similarly, he also mentioned about several steps that State government has taken for making the women self-help group more productive and professional. Stating that through agriculture and industrialization, State government would habilitate two lakh youth, Dr. Sarma said that steps have been taken to give a facelift to Arunodoi scheme. He also said that the current financial aid given under Arunodoi scheme would be enhanced to Rs. 1250 from 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.

On the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also spoke in brief about different plans that government has conceived for the development of Jorhat. Besides building a full-fledged stadium, the DC office Jorhat would be shifted to Cinnamara Tea Estate areas and the existing DC office would be converted into a state of the art museum. He said that Rs. 50 crore has already been sanctioned for an integrated DC office in Jorhat.

Principal Secretary Panchayat and Rural Development Dr. J.B. Ekka gave the welcome address in the programme which was also addressed by Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh, Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Ranjeet Kumar Dass. Minister Dass said that since 2016 in Assam 5,31,390 houses were built. Moreover, the government led by Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma constructed 128398 houses in just one year. Thanking the Chief Minister, he said that to ensure housing for all by 2024, his ministry will take all possible steps to reach the target.

MPs Topon Kumar Gogoi, Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, MLAs Hitendra Nath Goswami, Rupjyoti Goswami, Bhabendra Nath Bharali and host of others were present on the occasion.

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