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Sonowal dedicates 15.447 KM NH 37 re-alignment Dibrugarh Bypass to the nation

Assam witnesses revolutionary changes in road development under the present dispensation: CM

Dispur, November 18: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today inaugurated realignment of NH 37 from Bogibeel Junction to Bakul (Dibrugarh Bypass) at a programme held at Japisajia in Dibrugarh today.

It may be noted that the construction of Dibrugarh Bypass/ Realignment of NH-37 from Bogibeel Junction at KM 581.700 to KM 597.147 on Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) basis of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has been implemented by National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited. The length of the project is 15.447 km which is constructed for a project cost of Rs. 96.84 crore. Chief Minister Sonowal as a part of the project also inaugurated a railway overbridge on the stipulated stretch.

Speaking on the occasion, Sonowal said that the present Narendra Modi led Central Government after assuming power in 2014 took the initiatives of bringing about revolutionary changes in connectivity of the country especially in the Northeast though championing the cause of 'Transformation through Transportation'. He said that the Central government realising that a region no matter how prosperous it is cannot prosper without seamless connectivity, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi brought about policy changes and as result of which Assam along with other Northeastern states have witnessed Rs. 3 lakh crore investment on road sector. He, therefore, thanked the Union Minister on behalf of 3.5 crore people of the state.

Chief Minister Sonowal also said that contrary to 60 years of rule of the Congress, the BJP led Central government brought about unprecedented changes in the last six years. He also attributed AIIMS at Changsari, Indian Agricultural Research Centre at Gogamukh, Indian Institute of Design at Jorhat, Multi-modal Logistic Hub at Jogighopa to the goodwill and sincerity of the Central Government. He also said that people of Assam had to resort to agitation for a single bridge over the Brahmaputra. However, now under the leadership of Narendra Modi the Central Government has approved the construction of five new bridges over the river. Sonowal also said that the amount of works performed by the present State government over 4.5 years becomes clear if anybody does comparative analysis between the performance of the present BJP led government and the previous Congress governments at the state. He also said that in the last 15 years the Lok Nirman Department constructed more than 15 thousand kilometre road, besides conversion of more than one thousand wooden bridges into concrete

bridges. He also said that his government has also constructed roads using pavers block in all the 850 tea gardens of the state.

Chief Minister Sonowal also said that as against the rule of discrimination, neglect and indifference, the BJP led State government has ushered in development based on peace and harmony. As a result, the state has not witnessed any discord or disharmony in the state.

Stating that the construction of Dibrugarh Bypass will help in beautification, development of the historic Dibrugarh town, Sonowal thanked all functionaries associated with NHIDCL for completing the bypass. He at the same time asked NHIDCL to complete all ongoing projects of the state within the stipulated time frame.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister of State for Food Processing Rameswar Teli said that the synergy between the Central and State governments have resulted in an unprecedented development in communication and transportation of the state. He also thanked Chief Minister Sonowal for bringing about extraordinary changes in the socio-economic and cultural milieu of the tea garden dominated areas in the state.

Executive Director NHIDCL gave welcome address in the programme which was also addressed by MLA Lahowal Rituporno Baruah. Minister of State (i/c) Tea Tribe Welfare Sajay Kisan, MLAs Prasanta Phukan, Naren Sonowal, Bimal Bora, Chakradhar Gogoi, Chief Executive Member Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council Dipu Ranjan Makrany, Managing Director BPCL R. Hazarika and a host of other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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