

Sonowal visits Barak Valley

Issues strict instruction for early completion electrification work under Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana

Dispur, May 2: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal directed the Public Works Department to draw a roadmap for developing the road starting from Kumbhirgram Airport which passes through Silchar, Hailakandi and Karimganj, as a model road with adequate lightings and beautifications.

Chairing a review meeting at Circuit House in Hailakandi today, chief minister Sonowal stressed on raising the pride of the people of Barak Valley through the construction of quality roads with proper beautification. Stating that Barak Valley is backward region of the State, Sonowal said that only through development of good communication network the stigma of backwardness can be removed from the valley.

Sonowal also said, “It is a challenge for the new government to bring about transformative changes in Barak Valley and to make this happen, people and the government officials must join hands with the government”. He also underlined the importance of quality contractors for carrying out development works in an effective manner and the government is taking initiative to improve the skills of contractors and to motivate the young entrepreneurs.

Chief Minister Sonowal also lambasted ‘Wind Power’ a company implementing Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana in Hailakandi for its slow progress in the district and asked the concerned authority to pull up its socks and complete the implementation work on a war foot or else it might face action of being ‘blacklisted’. He also asked APDCL to supervise the implementation of rural electrification work to ensure its early completion.

Taking a stern view on the encroachment of land along Assam-Mizoran border, Sonowal asked the Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police and Forest Department in the district to immediately carry out a visit to the site and submit report to the government. He also directed the DC to develop an effective implementing mechanism for effective execution of Prime Minister’s Awaj Yojana and complete all pending cases by June this year.

In the meeting chief minister urged upon the government employees to adopt every person is important mentality to bring in good governance and people’s faith back in the administration. Emphasising that chief minister is also a sweeper to clean the system for good governance, Sonowal requested the government officers to ensure that the people coming to government offices are respected and their applications and grievances are attended to.

Sonowal also said that the Government of Assam is working with the agenda to ensure equal development of both Barak and Brahmaputra Valley. To realise this all have to work hard with sincerity to dispel the negativity that have cast on the valley in all these years. Development of Barak Valley is the priority of the State Government and all government officials must ensure that public money is utilised exclusively for public goods. Saying that

Barak Valley did not witness development for a long time, Sonowal urged upon the officers to regularly monitor the implementation of the schemes and visit the fields. He also categorically said that strict action will be taken against all illegal works and cases of misuse of funds will be dealt with sternly. Government is taking strong action against corruption and all corrupt will have to face punishment. He also said that fear for system will have to be instilled amongst all the employees so that they refrain from corrupt practices.

Chief Minister Sonowal also reviewed the progress of the projects related to Public Health Engineering, APDCL, PMAY, Forest, PWD, Transport, Education, BSNL and Health Department. He also said that government schemes are targeted to benefit the poor and hence they are to be implemented for the beneficiaries to reap their benefits.

Sonowal also directed DC Hailakandi to maintain liaison with the MLAs and other government departments regularly for developing coordination and effective implementation of the schemes. In the meeting Sonowal is hailed for taking initiative for declaring 293 km of road in Hailakandi as national highway.

Deputy Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly Dilip Kumar Paul, PWD Minister Parimal Suklabaidya, several MLAs and all other senior officers were present at the meeting.

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