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**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA**

**TODAY PRESS RELEASE**

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Today in a mammoth lightning speed session Chief Minister, Tripura met 6 Union Cabinet Ministers and 1 Minister of State between 12.30 to 5.30 pm.

1. **12.30-SHRI HARSH VARDHAN HON'BLE UNION MINISTER ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST**

Hon'ble Union Minister directed to process all pending forest clearances within 2 weeks for all power, road, ONGC projects. (Project wise review). He also directed that a high level team of officials would visit Tripura to examine feasibility of tailormade projects for Tripura which can be supported by Central Government funding.

1.30 Lunch with Environment Minister

2. **2.30-SHRI MANOJ SINHA, HONBLE UNION MINISTER COMMUNICATIONS**

Decision to roll out Wi Fi Chaupal scheme within a week for 1178 Gram Panchayats for 5 Hotspots now instead of 3 Hotspots. Also Hon'ble Union Minister and Hon'ble Chief Minister discussed regarding a pilot project, specially designed for Tripura of E-Band Technology based solution to be implemented in mission mode. A team of senior officers would visit Tripura to review ongoing projects.

3. **3 PM-HON'BLE UNION MINISTER POWER (I/C ) SHRI R. K. SINGH**

Hon'ble Union Minister was kind enough to agree to request of Hon'ble Chief Minister that as the State is upgrading the 130 KV sub-station at Surjamoninagar to 400 KV, the future power transmission would be routed

through this sub-station and transmission lines would accordingly be mapped. This would result in additional revenue gains to Government of Tripura.

**4. 3.45 pm Hon'ble Union Minister Civil Aviation and Commerce and Industry, Shri Suresh Prabhu in presence of Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation Shri Jayant Sinha**

Hon'ble Union Minister directed that a meeting be held by the Ministry officials with Indigo, Air India, Spicejet etc in presence of State govt officials, regarding the issue of withdrawal of flights of Spicejet and Indigo. Hon'ble Union Minister assured Hon'ble Chief Minister that one more flight would be added between Agartala and Kolkata. He also directed concerned officials to examine feasibility of a direct flight between Delhi to Agartala (without stoppage.)

**5. 5 PM- SMT NIRMALA SITHARAMAN, HON'BLE UNION DEFENCE MINISTER**

Hon'ble Union Minister agreed that 28.90 acres of prime land in Agartala would be handed over to the State Government from BRO. Also a recruiting centre of the Indian Army would be opened in Agartala for the convenience of the youth in Tripura.

**6. 5.15- SHRI RAJNATH SINGH, HON'BLE HOME MINISTER**

The issue of ongoing civil dispute regarding land under the possession of Assam Rifles in Tripura was discussed. The issue of expediting work on unfenced border areas by NPCC was also discussed.

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