

Tourism is high on North-East agenda : Dr. Jitendra Singh

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INVC NEWS New Delhi, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Dr Jitendra Singh has said that beginning this month, the DoNER Ministry will coordinate tours by different Ministers of the Union Council to different States and districts of North-East by rotation in order to give a boost to various ongoing projects and works undertaken by the Central Ministries. Dr. Jitendra Singh was speaking in response to certain proposals put forward on behalf of the Government of Manipur by the State Health Minister Shri P. Tonsing who called on him here today and handed over a letter from Manipur Chief Minister Shri O. Ibobi Singh. In his letter, the Chief Minister of Manipur has put forward the demand for setting up of a 3-star hotel adjacent to Imphal International Airport with the collaboration of North Eastern Council (NEC). According to the CM, such a hotel will go a long way in promoting tourism and entrepreneurship in the region. Responding to the CM's request, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Prime Minister is constantly stressing on rapid development of North-East region and the Ministry of DoNER has taken upon the responsibility of ensuring equitable development of all the eight States and different regions in North-East with due consideration of their diversities, sensitivities and security concerns. Reiterating Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's focus on the North-East, Dr Jitendra Singh informed that only today a meeting was held to discuss a roadmap for North-East in the New Year. The meeting was attended by senior Cabinet Minister Shri Ananth Kumar, along with two Union Ministers from North-East, Shri Sarbanand Sonowal and Shri Kiren Rijiju. Dr Jitendra Singh said, tourism is high on North-East agenda and in the months to come, a mega North-East festival called "Focus North-East" is planned to be held in Delhi to showcase potential and viability of the North-East Region to the rest of the world as also to attract tourist operators, film makers and holiday seekers to the region.

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