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**Cabinet Decisions-Chronological since 27.05.2014**

### 27.05.2014

#### **1. Constitution of Special Investigation Team in compliance with the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court**

The Union Cabinet today approved constitution of Special Investigating Team (SIT) to implement the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on large amounts of money stashed abroad by evading taxes or generated through unlawful activities.

### 18.06.2014

#### **2. Cabinet approves Supervisory Committee on Mullaperiyar Dam**

The Cabinet today approved the constitution of a Supervisory Committee on the Mullaperiyar Dam to implement the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated May 7, 2014.

### 25.06.2014

#### **3. Minimum Support Prices for Kharif crops for 2014-15 season**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), has approved the following Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for Kharif crops for 2014-15 season.

#### **4. CCEA defers domestic natural gas pricing guidelines for wider consultations**

The domestic natural gas pricing guidelines which were announced on 10 January 2014 were later deferred due to the Model Code of Conduct that had been effected in the country at that time.

### 02.07.2014

#### **5. Cabinet approves Transfer on lease of 12.91 acres of defence land to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan at Air Force station Purnea**

The Cabinet today approved the transfer on lease of 12.91 acres of defence land to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) at Air Force station Purnea.

#### **6. 12th Plan scheme for modernization and strengthening of intellectual property offices**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the continuation of the Plan scheme to modernize and strengthen Intellectual Property (IP) offices during the 12th Plan period. The overall project cost would be Rs.309.6 crore, of which Rs.258 crore will be spent during 12th Plan and Rs.51.6 crore in the 13th Plan.

#### **7. Additional allocation of 50 lakh tonnes of rice for BPL and APL families in States/UTs for the period July, 2014 to March, 2015**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved additional allocation for 50 lakh tonnes of rice for distribution to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families at BPL prices and Above Poverty Line (APL) price for the period July, 2014 to March,

2015 or till implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA) by the respective State/UT whichever is earlier.

## **8. Inclusion of onion and potato under the purview of stock holding limits under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the inclusion of onion and potato under the purview of stock holding limits under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

**20.08.2014**

## **9. Cabinet approves USOF supported scheme to provide mobile services in areas affected by Left Wing Extremism**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for providing mobile services at 2199 locations affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

## **10. Cabinet approves Nagpur Metro Rail Project**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for the Nagpur Metro Rail Project covering a length of approximately 38.21 kms along two corridors.

## **11. Cabinet approves Digital India – A programme to transform India into digital empowered society and knowledge economy**

The Cabinet today at the meeting chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi gave its approval for Digital India – A programme to transform India into digital empowered society and knowledge economy. This is a follow up to the key decisions taken on the design of the programme during the meeting of the Prime Minister on Digital India Programme on August 7, 2014, and to sensitize all ministries to this vast programme touching every corner of the government. This programme has been envisaged by Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY).

**21.08.2014**

## **12. Revision of Rates of Royalty and Dead Rent in respect of certain minerals (other than minor minerals, coal, lignite and sand for stowing)**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, yesterday approved the revision of rates of royalty and dead rent of all major minerals other than minor minerals, coal, lignite and sand for stowing, as per provisions of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act, 1957 It also approved the application of these rates in all the States / Union Territories (UTs).

**27.08.2014**

## **13. Cabinet approves Signing of Memorandum of Cooperation between India and Japan in the field of healthcare**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) in the field of healthcare between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of India and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan. The signing of this MoC will benefit people of both countries.

## **14. Cabinet approves Swapping of SOS village land measuring 2397 sqm. with equivalent airport land for construction of hangars at LokpriyaGopinathBordoloi International Airport, Guwahati**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for swapping of Save Our Soul (SOS) village land measuring 2397 sqm. with Airport Authority of India's (AAI's) equivalent airport land measuring 2397 sqm. This will facilitate construction of hangars at the LokpriyaGopinathBordoloi International Airport (LGBI), Guwahati. The Secretary General, SOS village has already given his consent in writing for the swapping of the village land with AAI land.

## **15. Continuation of production of urea from MFL – Manali, MCFL – Mangalore and SPIC – Tuticorin after June 2014**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the continuation of production of urea from Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL) – Manali, Manglore Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd (MCFL) – Mangalore and Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation (SPIC) – Tuticorin after June 2014 by using existing feedstock naphtha for three months beyond 30th June, 2014, that is from 1st July 2014 to 30th September, 2014.

#### **16. Empowering the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to decide on mode of delivery and amendments in Model Concession Agreement in respect of national highways projects**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to (a) amend the Model Concession Agreement (MCA) as may be required from time to time; and (b) to decide the mode of delivery of projects.

**04.09.2014**

#### **17. Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding for co-operation in the field of traditional systems of medicine and homoeopathy between India and Bangladesh**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for co-operation in the field of traditional systems of medicine and homoeopathy between India Bangladesh.

#### **18. Cabinet approves Release of additional installment of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners due from 01.07.2014**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for the release of an additional installment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners with effect from 01.07.2014. This is an increase of seven percent over the existing rate of 100 percent of the Basic Pay/Pension, to compensate for price rise.

**10.09.2014**

#### **19. Cabinet approves Investment approval for construction of PakalDul Hydroelectric Project; Infusion of equity beyond Rs. 500 crore by NHPC in M/s. CVPPL and ex-post facto approval for formation and incorporation of M/s. Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Limited**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval.

#### **20. Cabinet approves Financial support to the National Export Insurance Account for overseas project exports**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for financial support to the National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) for overseas project exports by increasing the authorized corpus of the NEIA Trust to Rs. 4000 crore with risk underwriting capacity upto 20 times of the actual corpus. This is against the present leverage of 10 times and allocation of US\$ 5 billion for Foreign Currency (FC) funds to Exim Bank out of Forex reserves, for on-lending by way of buyer's credit with NEIA cover.

#### **21. Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for North-Eastern Region**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for implementing a Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for the North-Eastern Region (NER). The proposal entails an estimated expenditure of Rs. 5,336.18 crore (inclusive of all applicable taxes except octroi and local taxes). The plan will be funded from the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). The USOF would fund Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) and Operational Expenditure (OPEX) net of revenue for a period of 5 years.

#### **22. Payment of statutory dues, salary and wages in sick/loss making CPSEs under the Department of Heavy Industry**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the proposal for providing non-plan budgetary support of Rs. 287.67 crore for liquidation of statutory dues (Provident Fund, Gratuity, Pension, Employees State Insurance and Bonus) and salary and wages from 01-09-2013 to 31-03-2014 for eleven Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) under the Department of Heavy Industry.

### **23. Development of additional liquid bulk terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the development of an additional liquid bulk terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT). The estimated total cost would be Rs.2496 crore. The award would be on highest 'Royalty' basis.

### **24. Proposal for Approval of the Scheme "Integrated Coffee Development Project" in the 12th Five Year Plan**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the proposal for implementation of the Integrated Coffee Development Project of the Coffee Board during the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-13 to 2016-17). This is based on the recommendations by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) in its meeting held on 26th September 2013.

### **25. Approval of Phase-V of Unique Identification project**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for Phase-V of the Unique Identification (UID) scheme for undertaking enrolments in the four States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand. With this, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has been given the target of generation of 100 crore Aadhaars by 2015. This includes including UID numbers issued in respect of enrolments done under the National Population Register process in 12 States/UTs allocated to it. Comprehensive proposals regarding Aadhaar Sampark Kendra, Information, Education and Communication Campaigns, Document Management System and Rent Rates and Taxes etc., will be prepared by the UIDAI and a revised cost estimate submitted for appraisal of the Expenditure Finance Committee.

### **26. Disinvestment of 5 percent paid-up capital in Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. out of Government of India shareholding**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the disinvestment of 5 percent paid-up capital in Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) out of the Government of India's shareholding of 68.94 percent.

### **27. Disinvestment of 10 percent paid-up equity capital in Coal India Ltd. out of Government of India shareholding**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the disinvestment of 10 percent paid-up equity capital in Coal India Ltd. (CIL) out of the Government of India's shareholding of 89.65 percent.

### **28. Disinvestment of 11.36 percent paid-up equity capital of NHPC Ltd. out of Government of India shareholding**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the disinvestment of 11.36 percent paid up equity capital of NHPC Ltd. out of the Government of India's shareholding of 85.96 percent.

## **15.09.2014**

### **29. Launching of National AYUSH Mission**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for launching of the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) with its core and flexible components.

### **30. Scheme on Enhancement of Competitiveness in the Indian capital goods sector**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the "Scheme for Enhancement of Competitiveness of the Capital Goods Sector" to boost the Indian economy. This scheme, on its implementation, would attempt to make the Indian capital goods sector globally competitive. The sub sectors of Capital Goods covered under the scheme are mainly for Machine Tools, Textile Machinery, Construction and Mining Machinery, and Process Plant Machinery. The proposed scheme addresses the issue of technological depth creation in the capital goods sector, besides creating common industrial facility centres.

### **31. Government sanctions a major power transmission scheme for Arunachal Pradesh & Sikkim to bring them fully into the grid**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening of Transmission & Distribution (T&D) Systems (CSST&DS) in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim at an estimated cost of Rs.4754.42 crore. The scheme is to be taken up under a new Central Sector Plan Scheme of Ministry of Power (MoP).

24.09.2014

### **32. India's participation in the Thirty Metre Telescope Project at Mauna Kea, Hawaii, USA**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for India's participation in the Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT) Project at Mauna Kea, Hawaii, USA at a total cost of Rs. 1299.8 crores from 2014-23.

### **33. Filling up of post of Mission Director sanctioned for the National Water Mission Secretariat through Central Staffing Scheme**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for filling up of the post of Mission Director sanctioned for the National Water Mission (NWM) Secretariat through the Central Staffing Scheme.

### **34. Agreement on "Electric Power Trade, Cross-Border Transmission Interconnection and Grid Connectivity" with Nepal**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for the India-Nepal Agreement on "Electric Power Trade, Cross-Border Transmission Interconnection and Grid Connectivity".

### **35. Memorandum of Understanding between India and United States for cooperation in gas hydrates**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and the United States for cooperation in gas hydrates for a period of five years.

### **36. Joint Declaration of Intent between India and United States of America for cooperation in the field of higher education for implementation of Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) programme**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for signing a Joint Declaration between the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) of India and the National Science Foundation (NSF) of the United States of America, to initiate a new program entitled Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) in Higher Education. GIAN aims at tapping the talent pool of scientists and entrepreneurs to engage with the institutes of higher education in India to augment the country's existing academic resources, accelerate the pace of quality reforms, and further strengthen India's scientific and technological capabilities.

### **37. Joint Declaration of Intent for cooperation in the field of higher education for Indo-US partnership for Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), a programme for Online Education**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for signing of a Joint Declaration of Intent between the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and the U.S. Department of State for cooperation in the field of higher education for Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), a

programme for online education. Under the cooperation, the SWAYAM platform server will be based in India and US universities will be invited to offer post-graduate academic programs with certification on the SWAYAM platform.

### **38. Withdrawal of Higher Education & Research Bill, 2011 from Parliament (Rajya Sabha)**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for withdrawal of the Higher Education and Research Bill, 2011 from Parliament (Rajya Sabha).

### **39. Restructuring of the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan into Swachh Bharat Mission**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for restructuring of the Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) into Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and revision in the components of the programme.

### **40. Swachh Bharat Programme for Urban Areas**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for a massive program called "Swachh Bharat Mission for Urban Areas". This is proposed to be implemented over 5 years starting from 2nd October, 2014 in all 4041 statutory towns. The total expected cost of the programme over 5 years is Rs. 62,009 crore, out of which the proposed Central assistance will be of Rs. 14,623 crore.

### **41. Establishment of the Clean Ganga Fund**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for establishment of the Clean Ganga Fund (CGF).

## **18.10.2014**

### **42. India's participation in the development of Chahbahar port in Iran**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for the framework inter-Governmental Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that is to be finalised by the Government of India with the Government of Iran.

### **43. Approval for Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project Phase-1**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project Phase-1 covering a length of 35.96 km at a total project cost of Rs. 10,773 crore.

### **44. Productivity Linked Bonus for Railway Employees**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its ex-post facto approval for the payment of Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) equivalent to 78 days' wages for the financial year 2013-14 to all eligible non-gazetted Railway employees.

### **45. Ex post facto approval regarding Special Banking Arrangement for payment of outstanding subsidy to fertilizer companies during 2013-14**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved ex post facto the implementation of the Special Banking Arrangement (SBA) for Rs.14,500 crore for outstanding claims on account of fertilizer subsidy in the year 2013-14.

### **46. Four laning/two laning of Chandikhole-Dubari-Talcher section of National Highway – 200 and National Highway - 23 in Odisha**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for development of the four laning/two laning of the Chandikhole-Dubari-Talcher section of National Highway – 200 and



National Highway - 23 in Odisha. This work will be under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III. The approval is in Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode.

#### **47. Financial support to Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited on account of liability arising from levy of Minimum Alternate Tax**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for a proposal of the Department of Telecommunications to provide financial support to Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) due to its liability arising from levy of Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT).

#### **48. Modified direct benefit transfer scheme to be relaunched in the country**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the Modified Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme in LPG being re-launched in 54 districts from mid-November, 2014 and in rest of country from 1.1.15. The Cabinet has revisited the scheme design and processes and after thorough review, it has approved the Modified DBTL which will alleviate the hardships of the LPG consumers faced by them in the earlier scheme.

#### **49. Policy framework for relaxations, extensions and clarifications at the development and production stage under psc regime for early monetization of hydrocarbon discoveries**

The Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the proposal of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas regarding "Policy Framework for Relaxations, Extensions and clarifications at the Development and Production stage under PSC regime for early Monetization of hydrocarbon discoveries". There is a reform initiatives which would help in monetization of some of the pending discoveries, lead to resolution of various long pending operational issues which are hampering E&P operations and create better climate for investment.

#### **50. Revision of Domestic Gas Prices**

The Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the new domestic gas pricing policy.

#### **51. Deregulation of Diesel Prices**

The Union Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the issues relating to the under-recovery on sale of diesel and its present status. Instructions have been issued today i.e. on 18th October 2014 to make the price of Diesel market determined with effect from midnight of 18th-19th October 2014. The prices of Diesel will be market determined at both Retail and Refinery Gate level for all consumers thereafter.

#### **29.10.2014**

#### **52. Ratification of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur supplementary protocol on liability and redress to the Cartagena protocol on biosafety by India**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for ratifying the 'Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur supplementary protocol on liability and redress to the Cartagena protocol on bio-safety' by India.

#### **53. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of oil and gas between India and Mozambique**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of oil and gas between India and Mozambique for a period of five years.

#### **54. Agreement on the abolition of visa requirement for holders of diplomatic and official/service passports between India Albania**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for signing of the agreement on the abolition of visa requirement for holders of diplomatic and official/service passports between India Albania.

### **55. Review of Foreign Direct Investment policy on the Construction Development Sector**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for amending the existing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy on the 'Construction Development Sector' in line with the Budget announcement of the Government.

### **56. Transfer on lease of 4.687 acres of Defence land to KendriyaVidyalayaSangathan at Air Force Communication Centre andTransmitting Station (AFCCTS), Gurgaon**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for transfer on lease basis of 4.687 acres (instead of earlier approved 15.19 acres) of Defence land in perpetuity to the KendriyaVidyalaya(KVS) for construction of KendriyaVidyalaya (KV) school building and other related infrastructure required for proper functioning of the KV No. 2, Sohna Road, Gurgaon.

### **57. School of Planning and Architecture Bill, 2014**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval to introduce the School of Planning and Architecture Bill, 2014 in the Parliament to bring all three Schools of Planning and Architecture (SPAs) within the ambit of the School of Planning and Architecture Bill, 2014. The Bill would adhere to Government policies on reservations from time to time. The proposed Act will empower these Schools toward degrees through an Act of Parliament.

### **58. Acquisition of a Polar Research Vessel**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the acquisition of Polar Research Vessel (Ice-breaker, Research cum Supply Vessel) by the Ministry of Earth Sciences at a total cost of Rs. 1051.13 crore within a period of 34 months.

### **59. Minimum Support Price for Rabi Crops of 2014-15 season to be marketed in 2015-16**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for Rabi Crops of 2014-15 season to be marketed in 2015-16

**05.11.2014**

### **60. Amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill 2013**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the Ministry of Shipping's proposal for introducing 'official amendments' to the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill 2013. The amendments incorporate the recommendations of the department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee and for accession to the Anti Fouling Systems (AFS) Convention 2001 of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) after enactment of the Bill.

### **61. Raising the authorized share capital of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency**

The Cabinet today at the meeting chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi gave its approval to raise the authorized share capital of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) from the existing level of Rs.1000 crore to Rs.6000 crore.

### **62. Amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Bill, 2013**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today approved the proposal of the Ministry of Shipping for introducing official amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Bill, 2013. The amendments incorporate the recommendations of the department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee, and for ratification of the



Maritime Labour Convention 2006 of the International Labour Organization (ILO) after enactment of the Bill. There are no financial implications.

### **63. Treaty on transfer of sentenced persons between India and Nigeria**

The Cabinet today at the meeting chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi gave its approval for signing a treaty on transfer of sentenced persons between India and Nigeria.

### **64. Withdrawal of the Food Safety and Standards (Amendment) Bill, 2014**

The Cabinet today at the meeting chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi gave its approval for withdrawing the Food Safety and Standards (Amendment) Bill, 2014 as introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 19.02.2014.

### **65. Scheme for Revival of 23 unlicensed District Central Cooperative Banks in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir**

The Cabinet today at the meeting chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi gave its approval.

## **20.11.2014**

### **66. Memorandum of Understanding between India and Nepal for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Nepal for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism. The Memorandum is proposed to be signed during the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to Nepal from 25th to 28th November, 2014.

### **67. Integrated Power Development Scheme**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval to launch "Integrated Power Development Scheme" (IPDS) with the objectives of:

### **68. Signing of "SAARC Framework Agreement for Energy Cooperation (Electricity)" among the SAARC Member countries in the forthcoming 18th SAARC Summit**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for signing of "SAARC Framework Agreement for Energy Cooperation (Electricity)" among the SAARC Member States during the forthcoming 18th SAARC Summit scheduled to be held at Kathmandu, Nepal on 26-27 November, 2014.

### **69. North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project for six (6) States (Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland) for strengthening of the Intra-State Transmission and Distribution System**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for the North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project (NERPSIP) for six States (Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland) for strengthening of the Intra State Transmission and Distribution System at an estimated cost of Rs.5111.33 crore including capacity building expenditure of Rs.89 crore. The scheme is to be taken up under a new Central Sector Plan Scheme of Ministry of Power (MoP). The scheme is to be implemented with the assistance of World Bank loan and the budget of MoP. The project will be funded on 50:50 (World Bank loan: GoI) basis except the component of capacity building for Rs.89 crore for which GoI will bear entirely.

### **70. DeendayalUpadhyaya Gram JyotiYojana**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the launch of DeendayalUpadhyaya Gram JyotiYojana (DDUGJY) with components (i) to separate agriculture and non agriculture feeders facilitating judicious rostering of supply to agricultural and non-agricultural consumers in rural areas and (ii) strengthening and augmentation of sub transmission and distribution infrastructure in rural areas, including metering of distribution transformers/feeders/consumers.

## **71. SAARC Motor Vehicle Agreement for the Regulation of Passenger and Cargo Vehicular Traffic amongst SAARC Member States**

The Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the Signing and ratifying the SAARC Motor Vehicles Agreement at the SAARC summit on November 26-27, 2014 in Kathmandu. Further, the Cabinet approved the signing of a Bilateral Agreement for the regulation of passenger traffic between Government of India and Republic of Nepal on the sidelines of the forthcoming SAARC Summit in Kathmandu. The Cabinet has also authorized the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways to sign similar Bilateral Agreements and Protocols with other SAARC member States.

## **72. Approval for signing and ratifying SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) Regional Railways Agreement**

The Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved signing and ratifying the SAARC Regional Railways Agreement by India, as a member State of SAARC.

### **02.12.2014**

## **73. Introduction of comprehensive Anti-hijacking Bill 2014**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for introduction of the comprehensive Anti-Hijacking Bill 2014. The current law, the Anti-Hijacking Act, 1982, was last amended in 1994.

## **74. India's approach to climate change negotiations at Lima, Peru**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for the negotiating position for the 20th Conference of Parties (COP-20) on climate change scheduled to be held from 1 to 12 December, 2014 at Lima, Peru.

## **75. Amendments to Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the amendments in the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) Act, 1976 to enhance authorized and issued capital to strengthen their capital base and to bring flexibility in the shareholding between Central Government, State Government and Sponsor Bank. The term of the non-official directors appointed by the Central Government will be fixed not exceeding three years.

## **76. Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2014**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the introduction of the Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2014 in Parliament to make certain amendments in the Companies Act, 2013.

## **77. Treaty on transfer of sentenced persons between India and Qatar**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the signing of the treaty on transfer of sentenced persons between India and Qatar.

## **78. Four laning of Lucknow-Sultanpur section of National Highway – 56 in Uttar Pradesh**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for development of the four laning of the Lucknow-Sultanpur section of National Highway – 56 in Uttar Pradesh. This work will be under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IV. The approval is in Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) (Toll) mode on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (BOT/DBFOT) basis.

## **79. Four laning of Nagina-Kashipur section of National Highway – 74 in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for development of the four laning of the Nagina-Kashipur section of National Highway – 74 in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. This work will be under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IV. The approval is in Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) (Toll) mode on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (BOT/DBFOT) basis.

#### **80. Four laning of Singhara-Binjabahal section of National Highway – 6 in Odisha**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for development of the four laning of the Singhara-Binjabahal section of National Highway – 6 in Odisha. This work will be under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-IV. The approval is in Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) (Toll) mode on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (BOT/DBFOT) basis.

#### **81. MSP of Copra for 2015 season**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to increase the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of "Milling Copra" for 2015 season to Rs.5550/- per quintal. This is an increase of Rs.300/- per quintal over the previous year's MSP. The MSP of "Ball Copra" for 2015 season will be Rs.5830/- per quintal. This is an increase of Rs.330/- per quintal over the previous year's MSP. The approved prices are as per the recommendations by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).

#### **05.12.2014**

#### **82. Indian Trusts (Amendment) Bill, 2014**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the introduction of the Indian Trusts (Amendment) Bill, 2014 in the current session of Parliament to amend section 20 and 20A of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882.

#### **83. Amendment in the Motor Vehicle Act for relaxation in norms for e-Rickshaws and e-Carts**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for proposal to remove difficulties in granting license to the drivers of the e-rickshaws and e-carts by amending the Section 7 (1) of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, and adding the definition of e-rickshaw and e-cart under the Act.

#### **10.12.2014**

#### **84. Capital requirement of Public Sector Banks - Raising capital from public markets by broad basing shareholding**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for allowing Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to raise capital to meet their additional capital requirements under BASEL-III by diluting Government holding upto 52 percent in a phased manner.

#### **85. Setting up over 300 MW of Grid-Connected Solar PV Power Projects by Defence Establishments under Ministry of Defence and Para Military Forces with viability gap funding under Phase-II/III of JNNSM**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval.

#### **86. Establishment of Credit Guarantee Funds for Factoring**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval to establish a Credit Guarantee Fund for Factoring for MSME units.

#### **87. Creation of five posts of Additional Solicitors General of India in the High Courts of Punjab & Haryana, Patna, Jharkhand, Karnataka and Gujarat**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for creation of five posts of Additional Solicitors General, one each for the High Courts of Punjab & Haryana, Patna, Jharkhand, Karnataka and its

Circuit Benches at Hubli-Dharwad & Gulbarga and Gujarat.

**88. Establishment of 6 (Six) new Debts Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) at Chandigarh, Bengaluru, Ernakulam, Dehradun, Siliguri and Hyderabad**

Cabinet approved establishment of six new Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) at Chandigarh, Bengaluru, Ernakulam, Dehradun, Siliguri and Hyderabad (4 DRTs at Bangalore, Chandigarh, Ernakulam & Hyderabad are additional DRTs).

**89. Continuation, strengthening and establishment of KrishiVigyanKendras**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for the continuation, strengthening and establishment of KrishiVigyanKendras (KVKs) with an outlay of Rs.5739.56 crore. The scheme envisages continuation of 630 KVKs established till the XI Plan and establishment of 121 new KVKs in the XII Plan to carry out its wide range of activities so as to meet the technological needs of farmers.

**90. Interest subvention to Public Sector Banks, Private Sector Banks, Cooperative Banks, RRBs, NABARD for providing short term crop loan to farmers**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval

**91. Amendments to the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 (1 of 2014) and the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 (25 of 1946) and for introduction of a Bill in Parliament**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for amending the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 (1 of 2014) and the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 (25 of 1946) and for introduction of a Bill in Parliament during the winter session of Parliament, on the lines of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas and other related law (Amendment) Bill, 2014 with such modifications or changes of drafting and consequential nature, if any, as may be considered necessary.

**92. Approval for Revised Project Cost and Extension of Contract for the Centralized Processing Center of the Income Tax Department at Bengaluru**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for extension of the contract for the Central Processing Centre (CPC) Project of the Income Tax Department at Bengaluru awarded to M/s Infosys Ltd by two years upto September 30th 2017. This would be after the end of the existing contract period on September 30th 2015 and for revision of the CPC project cost to Rs 1,078.59 crore.

**93. Amendments to the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2008**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the officials Amendments to the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2008 and introduction in the Rajya Sabha when the Bill is taken up for consideration and passing.

**94. Transfer of land for the implementation of Metro Rail Projects**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for transfer of land for the implementation of Metro Rail Projects.

**95. Amendments to the Electricity Act, 2003**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the various amendments to the Electricity Act, 2003 as per the proposed Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2014.

**96. Implementation of scheme for setting up 1000 MW of Grid Connected Solar PV Power projects by CPSUs and GoI organisations under various Central / State Schemes / self-use / 3rd party sale / merchant sale with Viability Gap Funding under batch – V of Phase-II of JNNSM**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the scheme for setting up of 1000 MW of Grid-Connected Solar PV Power Projects with VGF (Viability Gap Fund) support of Rs.1000 crore, by CPSUs under various Central/State Schemes, in three years period from 2015-16 to 2017-18. The Scheme will have a mandatory condition that all PV cells and modules used in solar plants set up under this Scheme, will be made in India.

#### **97. Creation of intra state transmission system in Tamil Nadu**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the creation of the intra state transmission system in Tamil Nadu. The total cost of the project is Rs.1593 crore.

#### **98. Closure of EIL Asia Pacific SenderianBerhad (EILAP SDN BHD), a 100 percent subsidiary of Engineers India Limited (EIL)**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas to close Engineers India Limited (EIL) Asia Pacific SenderianBerhad (EILAP SDN BHD), a 100 percent subsidiary of Engineers India Limited (EIL). The closure will be as per Malaysian Laws with regard to winding up.

#### **99. Mechanism for procurement of ethanol by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to carry out the Ethanol Blended Petrol programme**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved a mechanism for procurement of Ethanol by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to carry out the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Program.

#### **100. Extension of financial assistance for setting up food processing units in North Eastern States during XII Plan**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the inclusion of all North Eastern States for setting up food processing units within the Sub scheme of the Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH) of the Integrated Mission for Development of Horticulture (MIDH).

#### **101. Tea Development and Promotion Scheme of the Tea Board for the 12th Five Year Plan**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry for implementation of the "Tea Development and Promotion Scheme" through the Tea Board during the 12th Plan (2012-13 to 2016-17).

**17.12.2014**

#### **102. Review of the incentive towards marketing and promotion services for raw sugar production**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to ratify the methodology adopted to recalculate the incentive rate for bi-monthly periods of April-May, 2014, June-July, 2014 and August – September, 2014.

**24.12.2014**

#### **103. Amendment for the seats in the Legislative Council for the successor State of Andhra Pradesh in Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for amending section 23(1) and section 23(2)(i)(a) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 to rectify the anomaly in allocating the number of seats in Andhra Pradesh State Legislative Council and to enhance the total number of seats to 58 as per the provisions of the Constitution.

#### **104. Review of the policy on Foreign Direct Investment in Pharmaceutical Sector – carve out for medical devices**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval to amend the existing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy in the Pharmaceutical Sector to create carve out for medical devices.

#### **105. Resolution for constitution of the Railway Convention Committee (2014)**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for the proposal of the Ministry of Railways to move a resolution in both the Houses of Parliament for constitution of the Railway Convention Committee (2014) for making recommendations in regard to the rate of dividend payable by the Railways to the General Revenues for the years 2014-15 to 2018-19 and other ancillary matters.

#### **106. Transfer/exchange of Airports Authority of India / Indian Air Force land to the Government of Maharashtra for the Nagpur Airport and restoration of ownership of 288.74 acres of land in possession of IAF at Nagpur Airport to AAI**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for transfer/exchange of 278 hectares of IAF land comprising of 288.74 acres of AAI land in possession of IAF in lieu of 400 hectares of land offered by the Government of Maharashtra for the development of the Nagpur airport project and simultaneous restoration of ownership of 288.74 acres of AAI land at present in possession IAF at Nagpur Civil Airport to AAI.

#### **107. Proposal for improved Voluntary Retirement Scheme for Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited employees**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for an improved Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) for the employees of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited (CIWTC) and disinvestment of CIWTC thereafter. The VRS currently in vogue in CIWTC is under the existing Central DA 1996/ Industrial DA 1997 is not attractive to employees and therefore does not evince much interest from the existing workforce of CIWTC.

#### **108. Cabinet pays homage to victims of cowardly attacks in Assam**

The Cabinet, which met this morning under the chairmanship of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, paid homage to the victims of the cowardly attacks in Assam yesterday. The Cabinet members observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the victims.

**29.12.2014**

#### **109. Proposals of Airports Authority of India (AAI) for leasing of land at various AAI airports to Indian Coast Guard (ICG)/Indian Navy**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the leasing of Airports Authority of India's (AAI) land to Indian Coast Guard (ICG)/Indian Navy (Ministry of Defence) at various airports as under.

#### **110. Infusion of Rs. 60 crore in IFCI Ltd. to make it a Government Company**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the infusion of RS. 60 crore in Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) Ltd. to make it a Government company by way of acquisition of preference shares from existing share holder(s).

#### **111. Regularization of all unauthorized colonies**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today approved amendment to the existing guidelines that enables regularization of all unauthorized colonies that have come up till June 1, 2014 namely extension of cut-off date for regularization from March 31, 2002 to June 1, 2014.

#### **112. Amendments made in the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013**



The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved certain amendments in the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

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## **01.01.2015**

### **1. Government establishes NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) to replace Planning Commission.**

NITI Aayog will seek to provide a critical directional and strategic input into the development process. It will help evolve a shared vision of national development priorities, and foster cooperative federalism, recognizing that strong states make a strong nation. 01/01/2015,

### **2. Government constitutes National Institution for Transforming India NITI Aayog.**

NitiAayog will provide Governments at the central and state levels with relevant strategic and technical advice across the spectrum of key elements of policy, this includes matters of national and international import on the economic front, dissemination of best practices from within the country as well as from other nations, the infusion of new policy ideas and specific issue-based support.

## **2.1.2015**

### **3.PM dedicates ICICI's 'Digital Village' to the Nation-**

PM calls upon banks to create one lakh "Swachhta Entrepreneurs" within a year, to make the "Swachh Bharat" vision a sustainable reality

## **5.1.2015**

### **4. Govt. approves the auction of spectrum in various bands**

With the objectives of obtaining a market determined price of spectrum in various bands through a transparent process, ensuring efficient use of spectrum and stimulating competition in the sector, Govt. approved the auction of spectrum in various bands (800, 900 & 1800 MHz). The estimated revenues from this auction are Rs 64,840 cr (excluding 2100 MHz spectrum) of which Rs 16,000 cr is expected to be realized in the current financial year.

### **6.PM launches Scheme for LED bulb distribution under domestic efficient lighting programme in Delhi ; A National Program for LED-based Home and Street Lighting**

## **8.1.2015**

### **7.Prime Minister meets the President of Guyana Donald R Ramotar, on the sidelines of the PravasiBharatiya Divas in Gandhinagar.**

India has approved a new Line of Credit of USD 50 million for the East Bank Demerara -East Coast Road Link Project. India has also agreed to concessional credit to supply a passenger ferry to help Guyana overcome transportation problems in the northern region.

## **15.1.2015**

### **8.Army donates over Rs 100 crore to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund:**

The Indian Army has donated over Rs. 100 crore to the Prime Minister`s Relief Fund. This amount has been raised by officers and soldiers of the Army donating a day`s salary each.

## **16.1.2015**

**9. Cabinet approves Direct sale of bio-diesel by manufacturers/suppliers other than OMCs.**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the PM gave its approval for amending the Motor Spirit (MS) and High Speed Diesel (HSD) control order for Regulation of Supply, Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices dated 19.12.2005.

**10. Cabinet approves FM Phase-III auctions and migration from Phase-II to Phase-III in 69 existing cities**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime PM gave its approval for conduct of FM Phase-III auctions and migration (renewal) of Private FM Radio licenses from Phase-II to Phase-III in 69 existing cities for 135 channels.

[19.1.2015](#)

**11. PM calls for a paradigm shift in global attitudes towards climate change**

PM calls for a paradigm shift in global attitudes towards climate change, From "Carbon Credit", towards "Green Credit", He was Chairing a meeting of the Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change.

[21.1.2015](#)

**12. Prime Minister chairs a review meeting on the goal of "Housing for All" by 2022.****13. CCEA approves four laning of the Ramban-Banihal section of National Highway in J&K**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the PM has given its approval for development of the four laning of the Ramban-Banihal section of National Highway – 1A (now NH-44) in Jammu & Kashmir.

[22.1.2015](#)

**14. PM launches National Program "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" program at Panipat in Haryana**

The PM made an emotional appeal to the people of India, saying he "comes as a bhikshuk to beg for the lives of daughters", on this occasion

[25.1.2015](#)

**15. Union Cabinet gives its nod to Project for setting up of 15,000 MW of Grid-connected Solar PV Power plants through NTPC**

Union Cabinet chaired by the PM today gave its approval for the Implementation of Project for setting up of 15,000 MW of Grid-connected Solar PV Power plants through NTPC/ NTPC VidyutVyapar Nigam Limited under National Solar Mission.

[25.1.2015](#)

**16. Joint Statement during the visit of President of USA to India– "Shared Effort; Progress for All"**

The President of the United States of America, Barack Obama, accompanied by First Lady Michelle Obama, visited India from 25-27 January 2015. Joint Statement during the visit of President of USA to India– "Shared Effort; Progress for All"

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[28.1.2015](#)

**17. Cabinet approves MoU between the Ministry of Tourism and Government of the Sultanate of Oman**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the PM has given its approval to enter into a MoU for strengthening cooperation in the field of tourism, between the Ministry of Tourism and Government of the Sultanate of Oman

[31.1.2015](#)

**18. PM reviews PAHAL Scheme**

The Prime Minister, reviewed, in a high level meeting, PaHaL (PratyakshaHastaantaritLaabh), the Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme for LPG Subsidy.

**2.2.2015**

**19. PM launches “Visit India Year 2015” in China**

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**7.2.2015**

**20. PM addresses India’s Heads of Missions abroad**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today said that the present global environment represents a rare opportunity, when the world is keen to embrace India, and India is moving forward with confidence

**15.2.2015**

**21. PM inaugurated RE-Invest 2015**

PM inaugurated RE-Invest 2015, the first Renewable Energy Global Investors' Meet and Expo- organized by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

**19.2.2015**

**22. PM launches 'Soil Health Card scheme'**

PM launched 'Soil Health Card scheme' focusing attention on the health of soil in agricultural areas across the country, to boost productivity and bring about increased prosperity. 14 crore Soil Health Cards are envisaged to be issued over the next 3 years under this scheme

**25.2.2015**

**23. Cabinet approves BRICS Bank proposal**

Agreement on the New Development Bank and the BRICS Contingent Reserve Agreement . The Union Cabinet chaired by the PM gave its approval for establishing the New Development Bank) and the BRICS Contingent Reserve Arrangement

**9.3.2015**

**24. PM launches first indigenously developed and manufactured vaccine against Rotavirus.**

The indigenously developed vaccine will boost efforts to combat infant mortality due to diarrhoea.

**12.3.2015**

**25. PM Commissioned Coast Ship Barracuda**

‘Mauritius is a key leader for a secure and sustainable future for the Indian Ocean. We in India are proud to be your partner’ PM said on that occasion.

**14.3.2015**

**26. PM hands over homes at Havalai North-West Housing Project site, Jaffna, Sri Lanka**

**16.3.2015**

### **PM launches Give up Subsidy**

PM Modi on 16<sup>th</sup> March exhorted the better off sections of society to forego their LPG subsidy that can be utilized in providing subsidized LPG connections to the poor. Give it up” coined by PM at BJP National Executive meeting in on April 3,2015.Urging the well-off to give up their LPG subsidy, he said "gas cylinders surrendered by them would be transferred to the poor who use wood for cooking. If one crore people give up their LPG subsidy, one crore poor people will benefit as they will be given new LPG cylinders instead. According to Estimates, there are as many as 14.54 crore active LPG consumers in India, of which at least one crore consumers are eligible to surrender their subsidy.

### **20.3.2015**

#### **27.Cabinet approves Appropriation Acts (Repeal) Bill 2015**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the PM gave its approval to introduce the Appropriation Acts (Repeal) Bill, 2015 in Parliament so as to repeal 758 Appropriation Acts. This is in keeping with the Prime Minister's commitment to bring reform in the country's legal system, so as to make it more accessible to the common man.

#### **28.Reservation for women in direct recruitment in Non-Gazetted posts in police forces of all Union Territories including Delhi Police**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the PM gave its approval for making reservation of 33 percent for women, horizontally and in each category (SC/ST/OBC and others) in direct recruitment in non-gazetted posts from Constables to sub-inspector in the police forces of all Union Territories, including Delhi Police.

#### **29.Cabinet approves Pradhan MantriKaushalVikasYojana**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the PM gave its approval for the Pradhan MantriKaushalVikasYojana with an outlay of Rs.1500 crore. This scheme will provide skills training to youth, including class 10 and 12 drop outs and aims to cover about 24 lakh people.

#### **30.PM launches Twitter Samvad .**

Mr. Dick Costolo, CEO, Twitter, calls on the Prime Minister.

### **25.3.2015**

#### **31.PM launches PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation):**

A multi-purpose, multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation. The platform is aimed at addressing common man's grievances, and simultaneously monitoring and reviewing important programs and projects of the Government of India as well as projects flagged by State Governments.

### **26.3.2015**

#### **32. Cabinet approves e-Kranti : National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) 2.0.**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the PM gave its approval for the Approach and Key Components of e-Kranti : National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) 2.0. This is a follow up to the key decisions taken in the first meeting of the Apex Committee on the Digital India programme held in November 2014. This program has been envisaged by the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY).

#### **33.PM calls for "uncompromising mission-mode approach" to stop further pollution of the River Ganga. PM chairs meeting of National Ganga River Basin Authority.**

### **Budgetary Announcements**

### **26.3.2015**

## **Rail Budget - 2015**

**34.Railways to Digitize Mapping of Land Records** to Counter Encroachment of Railways Land

**35.Railways for a Comprehensive Policy to Tap Latent Advertising Potential**

**36.Railways to set up an Innovation Council Called “Kayakalp” for Purpose of Business Re-Engineering .**

Railways Proposes to set up ‘Malaviya Chair’ for Railway Technology at IIT (BHU), Varanasi .

**37.Railways to set up a Working Group to Modify the Present System of Accounting Railways to Digitally Integrate Vendor**through Vendor Interface Management System.

**38.Railways to set up a working group to modify the present system of accounting,** to ensure tracking of expenditure to desired outcomes. This would also help in undertaking post commissioning evaluation studies.

**39.Railways Enhances Its Safety Measures**

Train Protection Warning System & Train Collision Avoidance System on Select Routes ;.

**40.Foreign Rail Technology Co-Operation Scheme Proposed to be Launched**

It will help when technology intensive and complex projects like speed raising and station redevelopment require lot of handholding by a specialized agency in terms of preparatory work, exploring technology options and managing bid processes.

**41.Railways to Work on ‘Swachh Rail - Swachh Bharat.** It will ensure higher standards of cleanliness is of utmost priority for Indian Railways..

**42.Railways Proposes to Procure Power Through Bidding Process , Solar Mission of Railways in Full Swing**

## **28.3.2015**

## **Union Budget-2015**

**43.Self Employment and Talent Utilisation (SETU) to be Established**

SETU will be a Techno-Financial, Incubation and Facilitation Program to support all aspects of start up businesses, and other self-employment activities, particularly in technology-driven areas. An amount of Rs.1000 crore is being set up initially in NITI Aayog for SETU.

**44.ATAL Innovation Mission (AIM) to be Set up**

AIM will be an Innovation Promotion Platform involving academics, entrepreneurs and researchers and draw upon national and international experiences to foster a culture of innovation, R&D and scientific research in India.

**45.National Investment and Infrastructure Fund(NIIF) to be Set up .**

This will enable the Trust to raise debt, and in turn, invest as equity, in infrastructure finance companies such as IRFC and NHB. The infrastructure finance companies can then leverage this extra equity, manifold.

**46. Finance Minister proposes to fully support Agriculture Ministry’s organic farming scheme – “ParamparagatKrishiVikasYojana”.**

Stating that the Pradhanmantri Gram SinchaiYojana is aimed at irrigating the field of every farmer and improving water use efficiency to provide ‘ Per Drop More Crop’ , Shri Jaitley proposed allocation of Rs. 5,300 crore to support micro-irrigation, watershed development and the PradhanMantriKrishiSinchaiYojana.

**47.The Government sets up an ambitious target of Rs. 8.5 lakh crore of agricultural credit.**

Stating the Government's commitment to supporting employment through MGNREGA, The Minister proposed an initial allocation of Rs. 34,699 crore for the program.

**48. Finance Minister proposed to create a Micro Units Development Refinance Agency (MUDRA) Bank,**

with a corpus of Rs. 20,000 crore, and credit guarantee corpus of 3,000 crore, which will refinance Micro-Finance Institutions through Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana.

**49. Finance Minister proposed to establish National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)**

with an annual flow of Rs. 20,000 crore. He said that he also intends to permit tax free infrastructure bonds for the projects in the rail, road and irrigation sector. He said the PPP mode of infrastructure development has to be revisited and revitalized.

**50. Public Debt Management Agency (PDMA) to be set up**

In order to promote investment in the country, the Minister proposed to set up a Public Debt Management Agency (PDMA) which will bring both India's external borrowings and domestic debt under one roof.

**51. Finance Minister proposes to introduce a Gold Monetisation Scheme,**

which will replace both the present Gold Deposit and Gold metal Loan Schemes. The New scheme will allow the depositors of gold to earn interest in their metal accounts and the jewelers to obtain loans in their metal account.

**52. National Optical Fibre Network Programme (NOFNP) being speeded up.**

Finance minister said the National Optical Fibre Network Program (NOFNP) of 7.5 lakh kms networking 2.5 lakh villages is being further speeded up by allowing willing States to undertake its execution under PM's digital India Initiative.

**53. Five New Ultra-Mega Power Projects to be Set Up; Second Unit of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Station Will be Commissioned in 2015-16 .**

**54. Task Force to Establish a Sector Neutral Financial Redressal Agency to be Set Up** that will address grievances against all financial service providers.

**55. Public Debt Management Agency (PDMA) to be Set Up** - which will bring both India's external borrowings and domestic debt under one roof.

**56. Government to Launch National Skills Mission Soon, AIIMS to be Launched in J&K, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh and Assam in 2015-16 .** Student Financial Aid Authority to Administer Scholarships and Educational Loan Schemes for Poor Students.

**57. Soon-To-Be-Launched Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana to cover accidental death risk of Rs. 2 lakh** for a premium of just Rs. 12 per year.

**58. Atal Pension Yojana Launched**

It will provide a defined pension, depending on the contribution, and its period. To encourage people to join this scheme, the Government will contribute 50% of the beneficiaries' premium limited to Rs. 1,000 each year, for five years, in the new accounts opened before 31st December, 2015.

**59. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana Announced**

It covers both natural and accidental death risk of Rs. 2 lakhs. The premium will be Rs. 330 per year, or less than one rupee per day, for the age group 18-50.

**60. Finance Minister proposed the creation of a Scheme to Subsidize the Premiums of Vulnerable Groups**

Such as Old Age Pensioners, BPL Card-Holders, Small and Marginal Farmers and Others. Shri Jaitley informed that a detailed scheme would be issued in March.



**61.Integrated Education and Livelihood Scheme 'NaiManzil' will be Launched for Minorities**

It will enable Minority Youth who do not have a formal school-leaving certificate to obtain one and find better employment.

**62.'Act East' Policy of the Government**

The Finance Minister announced setting-up of manufacturing hubs in CMLV countries, namely, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam. Shri Jaitley stated that the 'Act East' policy of the Government endeavors to cultivate extensive economic and strategic relations in South-East Asia.

**63.Micro Units Development Refinance Agency (MUDRA) Bank Set up for Small Enterprises in Lending**

Priority Given to SC/ST Enterprises

**64.Budget to Create Jobs through Revival of Growth and Investment with Promotion of Domestic Manufacturing and "Make In India"–**

The Budget in Lok Sabha proposed to defer the applicability of the General Anti Avoidance Rule (GAAR) by two years. Investments made up to 31.03.2017 shall not be subjected to GAAR.

**65.Tax Measures Announced to Promote Swachh Bharat Initiatives and Public Health.**

Central Government will impose a Swachh Bharat Cess on all or certain taxable services at a rate of 2% from a date to be notified.

**66.Four laning of six highways under the National Highways Development Project in West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister gave its approval to six projects (10 packages) of a total length of 712 kilometres and a total cost of Rs. 12,646 crore were approved under various phases of National Highways Development Project.

**31.3.2015****68.CCEA approves Pooling of Gas in Fertilizer (Urea) Sector**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the PM, has approved a major policy intervention, to supply gas at uniform delivered price to all fertilizer plants on the gas grid for production of urea through a pooling mechanism.

**69. Cabinet approves Revival of the Barauni and Gorakhpur Fertilizer Units**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the PM gave its approval for the revival of the closed unit of the Barauni of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. HFCL and Gorakhpur Fertilizer Unit of Fertilizers Corporation India Limited.

**5.4.2015****70.PM witnesses signing of Agreement for transfer of land for construction of Memorial For Babasaheb Ambedkar.**

PM witnessed a tripartite agreement between the Union Ministry of Textiles, the Government of Maharashtra and the National Textile Corporation, for transfer of 12 acres of land adjacent to the Chaityabhoomi in the Indu Mills Compound in Mumbai, where the last rites of Babasaheb Ambedkar were performed.

**71.PM advocates "Sashakt" and "Samarth" Judiciary** to play "divine role" of delivering justice at Joint Conference of Chief Ministers of States and Chief Justices of High Courts.

**6.4.2015****72. PM launches Air Quality Index**

The Prime Minister launched a National Air Quality Index, which will monitor the quality of air in major urban centres across the country on a real-time basis.

#### **7.4.2015**

#### **73. Cabinet approves Amendments to “The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2013**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave its approval to amendments to the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2013 pending in the Rajya Sabha, and approved amendments proposed in the Bill.

#### **74.CCEA approves two significant FDI in pharmaceutical sector**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the PM, approved two significant foreign investments in the pharmaceutical sector.

#### **8.4.2015**

#### **75.PM launches Pradhan Mantri MUDRA (Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency)Yojana**

The PM said that supporting the small entrepreneurs of India is the biggest way to help the Indian economy grow and prosper.

#### **76.PM announces relief to farmers in distress**

Announcing a landmark change in norms for input subsidy, the PM said farmers will now be eligible for input subsidy if 33 percent of their crop has been damaged, as opposed to 50 percent or more, which was the norm till now. In another major announcement, the PM said that the input subsidy given to distressed farmers will be enhanced by 50 percent of the existing amounts.

#### **10.4.2015**

#### **76.PM in France: India to buy 36 Rafale jets soon .**

The Press Statement delivered by the PM after the Signing of Agreements in Paris.

#### **22.4.2015**

#### **77.Govt approves the introduction of Amendment to the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Bill 2014.**

#### **78.Govt approves the proposal to introduce the Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2015 in Parliament.**

#### **23.4.2015**

#### **79. PM: India makes transformation from a country worried about its "brain-drain," to a country that thinks of "brain-gain" at inauguration of Global Exhibition on Services .**

#### **80.Cabinet approves Central Government spending of about one lakh crore on urban development**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved Central Government spending of about one lakh crore on urban development under two new urban missions over the next five years. The Cabinet has approved the Smart Cities Mission and the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation of 500 cities (AMRUT) with outlays of Rs.48,000 crore and Rs.50,000 crore respectively.

#### **81.Cabinet approves to increase import duty on sugar from 25 percent to 40 percent**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave its approval to increase import duty on sugar from 25 percent to 40 percent.

**82.Cabinet nod for reimbursement of amount of value cut on wheat procurement price to States**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave its approval to reimburse amount of value cut on wheat procurement price to States. This decision has been taken in order to give relief to the farmers affected by the unprecedented rains and hailstorms

**83. Cabinet approves to amend the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave its approval to amend the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 by pursuing the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2013, pending before the Rajya Sabha by moving official amendments.

**84. Cabinet nod for introduction of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015 in Parliament**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave its approval for introduction of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015 in Parliament during the current session. The proposed legislation seeks to provide an appropriate institutional mechanism, both at the Centre and in each State and Union Territory, to ensure expeditious utilization in efficient and transparent manner of amounts realised in lieu of forest land diverted for non-forest purpose.

**85.Cabinet gives approval for conversion of two additional battalions of the SSB for the NDRF.**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave its approval for the conversion of two additional battalions of the SashastraSeemaBal (SSB) for the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and for strengthening existing NDRF battalions.

**86. Cabinet nod to continue the minimum pension of Rs. 1,000/- per month to the pensioners of Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 (EPS) beyond the financial year 2014-15 on perpetual basis.**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for continuation of the minimum pension of Rs. 1,000/- per month to the pensioners of Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 (EPS) beyond the financial year 2014-15 on perpetual basis. Currently, it is effective only upto March, 2015.

**87. Cabinet nod for doing away with the filing of declaration by a company before commencement of business or exercising its borrowing powers**

Doing away with the requirement for filing a declaration by a company before commencement of business or exercising its borrowing powers and rationalizing the procedure for laying draft notifications granting exemptions to various classes of companies or modifying provisions of the Act in Parliament, in order to ensure speedier issue of final notifications.

**88.Cabinet approves the introduction of the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 2015**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave its approval for the introduction of the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 2015 and accession to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (Ballast Water Management Convention) of International Maritime Organization (IMO)

**89.Cabinet nod to introduce the Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2015 in Parliament**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal to introduce the Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2015 in Parliament. The amendments are focused on clarifying jurisdiction related issues for filing cases of offence committed under Section 138 the Negotiable Instruments Act,1881 (NI Act).

**90.Cabinet approves for signing of a shipping agreement between India and Jordan**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave its approval for signing of a shipping agreement between India and Jordan. Recognizing the significant mutual benefit that can be derived from cooperation in the

area of shipping between the two countries, it has been decided to sign the agreement with a view to strengthening cooperation and to provide sustained mutual assistance and advice on merchant shipping and other related maritime matters.

### **91.Cabinet approval for entering into an agreement with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave its ex-post-facto approval for entering into an agreement with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for extending US\$1.1 billion as a special /ad-hoc swap outside the Framework on Currency Swap Arrangement for SAARC Member Countries

### **92.Cabinet approval for placing the new Instrument adopted by the International Labour Organization, ILO**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for placing the new Instrument adopted by the International Labour Organization (ILO) - Protocol to the Forced Labour Convention (No. 29), 1930 supported by Forced Labour Recommendation, 2013 (No.-203) before Parliament.

## **6.5.2015**

### **PM launches Swachha Bharat Abhiyan**

Wielding the broom, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the country's biggest-ever cleanliness drive- the "Swachh Bharat" mission. The mission is expected to cost over Rs 62,000 crore. PM asserted that "Swachh Bharat" mission is "beyond politics" and inspired by patriotism.

### **93.Cabinet nod to revise the Double Taxation Avoidance Convention signed in 1985, between India and the Republic of Korea**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for revising the Double Taxation Avoidance Convention (DTAC) which was signed in 1985, between India and the Republic of Korea, for the avoidance of double taxation and for the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.

### **94.Cabinet approves building of the GSAT-17communication satellite**

The Union Cabinet has given its approval for building of the GSAT-17. This is a communication satellite, weighing about 3425 Kg, for providing replacement capacity and in-orbit back up.

### **95. Cabinet approves Amendments in the Whistle Blowers Protection Act, 2011**

The Cabinet approved amendments in the Whistle Blowers Protection Act, 2011 by moving an amendment Bill in Parliament during the Budget Session, 2015 to incorporate necessary provisions aimed at strengthening safeguards against disclosures which may prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity of the country, security of the State, etc.

### **96. Cabinet nod for building of the GSAT-18**

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### **97. Cabinet approves MoU on Renewable Energy Cooperation between India and Seychelles.**

The Union Cabinet, has given its approval for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Renewable Energy Cooperation between India and Seychelles in March, 2015, during the visit of the Prime Minister to Seychelles.

### **98. Cabinet nod for operationalization of Atal Pension Yojna (APY), Pradhan MantriJeevanJyotiBimaYojana (PMJJBY) and the Pradhan MantriSurakshaBimaYojana (PMSBY)**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved the operationalisation of the Atal Pension Yojna (APY), Pradhan MantriJeevanJyotiBima Yojana (PMJJBY) and the Pradhan MantriSurakshaBimaYojana (PMSBY).

## **9.5.2015**

**PM Modi launches 3 Social Security Schemes**

Prime Minister Modi launched three social security schemes at a function in Kolkata. The schemes –

\*Pradhan MantriJeevanJyotiBimaYojana (PMJJBY)

\*Pradhan MantriSurakshaBimaYojana (PMSBY)

and

\*Atal Pension Yojana (APY) were simultaneously launched at 115 locations throughout the country.

The schemes -- two insurance products and one pension product -- are targeted especially to the unorganized sector and economically weaker population but others can enrolled themselves as well. A massive 80% of the country's population is still outside the insurance coverage while the government estimated that merely 11% of the working population are under pension net

**Pradhan MantriJeevanJyotiBimaYojana** will offer Rs 2 lakh cover at Rs 330 premium every year. Bank account holders in the age 18 to 50 years are eligible to take this facility. The life risk cover will get terminated after 55 years.

**Pradhan MantriSurakshaBimaYojana** will offer a renewable one year accidental death cum disability cover of Rs 2 lakh at Rs 12 premium every year. The insured will get Rs 1 lakh in case of partial permanent disability.

**Atal Pension Yojana** is for the people in the unorganized sector who are outside a formal pension net so far. The pension scheme would allow subscribers of age 18 to 40. The government will co-contribute 50% of total contribution or Rs 1000 per annum whichever is lower, for the first five years. Subscribers without any social security and who don't pay income tax will get this added benefit. However, people have to enroll themselves before December 31, this year to get government contribution. Under this scheme, subscriber will get guaranteed minimum pension from the age of 60. The pension could be Rs 1000, Rs 2000, Rs 3000, Rs 4000 or Rs 5000 per month, depending on the size of contribution.

**13.5.2015****99. Cabinet approves Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) as an eligible financial instrument**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to allow the Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) as an eligible financial instrument / structure under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) 1999.

**100. Cabinet nod to amend the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988 by moving of the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) (Amendment) Bill, 2015 in Parliament**

As a sequel to the announcement in the Budget, the Union Cabinet, has given its approval to amend the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 1988 by moving of the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) (Amendment) Bill, 2015 in Parliament.

**101. Cabinet approves Changes in prohibition of employment of a child.**

The Cabinet has approved the proposal for prohibition of employment of a child below 14 years. However, while considering a total prohibition on the employment of child, it would be prudent to also keep in mind the country's social fabric and socio-economic conditions. In a large number of families, children help their parents in their occupations like agriculture, artisanship etc. and while helping the parents, children also learn the basics of occupations. Therefore, striking a balance between the need for education for a child and the reality of the socio-economic condition and social fabric in the country, the Cabinet has approved that a child can help his family or family enterprise, which is other than any hazardous occupation or process, after his school hours or during vacation.

**102. Cabinet nod for NamamiGange program.**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi approved the flagship “NamamiGange” Program which integrates the efforts to clean and protect the Ganga river in a comprehensive manner. The program has a budget outlay of Rs. 20,000 crore for the next 5 years

### **103.Cabinet nod to a comprehensive New Urea Policy 2015 for the next four financial years**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to a comprehensive New Urea Policy 2015 for the next four financial years. The Policy has multiple objectives of maximizing indigenous urea production and promoting energy efficiency in urea units to reduce the subsidy burden on the Government.

### **104.Cabinet approves Agreement between India and China for in the field of tourism**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to enter into an agreement between India and China for strengthening cooperation in the field of tourism. The agreement will be signed during the forthcoming visit of the Prime Minister to China.

### **105.Cabinet approves Agreement between India and Mongolia**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave its approval for signing of an agreement between India and Mongolia on the transfer of sentenced persons.

### **106.Cabinet nod for MoU between India and China on cooperation in the field of mining and mineral sector.**

The Union Cabinet gave its approval for signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and the People’s Republic of China on cooperation in the field of mining and mineral sector.

### **107.Cabinet approves MoU between India and Mongolia for co-operation in border Guarding**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Mongolia for cooperation in Border Guarding, Policing and Surveillance

### **108.Cabinet approves India-Korea MoU in the field of electric power development and new energy industries**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and the Republic of Korea on cooperation in the field of electric power development and new energy industries.

### **109.Cabinet nod for MoU on cooperation with the Republic of Korea in the fields of maritime transport and logistics.**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation with the Republic of Korea in the fields of maritime transport and logistics.

### **110.Cabinet approves for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy between India and Mongolia.**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy between India and Mongolia.

### **111.Cabinet nod for Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement between India and the Republic of Korea (RoK)**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for entering into an Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement between India and the Republic of Korea (RoK) and to complete internal ratification procedure, to enable the agreement to come into force.

## **21.5.2015**



**112.Cabinet approval for the revival of closed urea unit of Fertilizer Corporation India Limited (FCIL) at Sindri(Jharkhand) with an investment of Rs 6000 crore**

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**113. Cabinet nod for setting up of a new Ammonia-Urea Complex of 8.64 Lakh Metric Tonnes annual capacity with an estimated investment of Rs. 4500 crore at Namrup in Assam on Public Private Partnership (PPP) route by a Joint Venture (JV)**

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**114.Cabinet approves Continuation Programme of fifteen operational flights of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV-C36 to PSLV-C50**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) Continuation Programme of fifteen operational flights of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV-C36 to PSLV-C50.

**115.Cabinet approves the proposal to review Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Policy on investments by Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs).**

**30.5.2015**

**116. Cabinet apprised about the constitution of a Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Prime Minister to suggest different programs / activities to be undertaken by various Ministries/Departments and States/UTs to celebrate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R Ambedkar.** The activities and celebrations will aim to spread the thoughts and ideas of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

**117. Cabinet approves signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Sweden on cooperation in the field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.**

**118. Cabinet nod to the agreement on Coastal Shipping between India and Bangladesh to carry out coastal movement of goods between the two countries.**

**119. Cabinet approves to amend the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015.**

**120. Cabinet has given its approval to the proposal of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure for reclassification/upgradation of certain cities/towns on the basis of Census-2011, for the purpose of grant of House Rent Allowance (HRA) and Transport Allowance to Central Government employees.**

**121. Cabinet gives its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on prevention of human trafficking especially trafficking in women and children: rescue, recovery, repatriation and reintegration of victims of human trafficking.**

**10.6.2015**

**122. Cabinet nod for the proposal to promulgate the Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015.**

The proposed amendments to the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 ("The NI Act") are focused on clarifying the jurisdiction related issues for filing cases for offence committed under section 138 of the NI Act.

**123.Cabinet approves signing of the Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN) Motor Vehicle Agreement for the Regulation of Passenger, Personal and Cargo Vehicular Traffic amongst BBIN.**

The agreement will be signed on 15th June at the BBIN Transport Minister's meeting in Thimpu, Bhutan.

**124.Cabinet approves the Ratification of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention No. 185** on the Seafarers Identity Document (SID). A biometric based seafarer's identity document will be developed, mainly, to ensure a foolproof security system to ward off the potential risk of breach of security and possible terrorist attacks.

**125.Cabinet approves the Ministry of Shipping's proposal for India's accession to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001** (Bunker Convention) of the International Maritime Organization [IMO] as well as to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 to give effect to the Bunker Convention, Nairobi Convention and Salvage Convention.

#### 17.6.2015

#### **126. Cabinet gave its approval for launch of "Housing for All by 2022"**

The move is aimed to reach out to urban areas with following components/options to States/Union Territories and cities:- a)Slum rehabilitation of Slum Dwellers with participation of private developers using land as a resource; b)Promotion of affordable housing for weaker section through credit linked subsidy; c)Affordable housing in partnership with Public & Private sectors and Subsidy for beneficiary-led individual house construction or enhancement.

**127.Cabinetapproval for transfer of a portion of land and building of erstwhile National Instruments Limited by Jadavpur University**, West Bengal to the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) on long term lease. The land will be transferred for establishment of a defence research centre namely the Jagadish Chandra Bose Centre for Advanced Technology (JCBCAT).

**128.Cabinet nod for signing of an agreement on the abolition of visa requirement for holders of diplomatic passports between India and Spain.**

**129.Cabinet nod to introduce a new Bureau of Indian Standards Bill, 2015.** The new Bill will provide legislative framework for following new provisions other than the provisions in the existing Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 which is proposed to be repealed.

**130.Cabinet approves continuation, strengthening and establishment of KrishiVigyanKendras (KVKs)** with an outlay of Rs.3900 crore. The scheme envisages continuation of 642 KVKs established till date and establishment of 109 new KVKs in the XII Plan, to carry out its wide range of activities.

**131.Cabinet approves stepping up of India's solar power** capacity target under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) by five times, reaching 1,00,000 MW by 2022.

#### 24.6.2015

#### **132. Cabinet gave its approval for setting up of six new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) in the country.**

These new IIMs will be located at Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), Bodh Gaya (Bihar), Sirmaur (Himachal Pradesh), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Sambalpur (Odisha) and Amritsar (Punjab).

**133.Cabinet gave its approval to the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to** apply to the Registrar of Companies for (i) converting it into a Section 3 company under the Companies Act, 2013 (No,18 of 2013); and (ii) renaming it as the Renewable Energy Corporation of India (RECI)

**134. Cabinet nod to the proposal of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research to transfer 0.5 acre of land belonging to the Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI), Cuttack** to the Police Department, Government of Odisha on lease basis for a period of 33 years for establishment of a police station at Cuttack.

**135.Cabinet approves signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) and the Japan Patent Office (JPO),** Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan.

**136. Cabinet approves the proposal of the Ministry of Culture for setting up of a National Memorial at LalaKaTola, Sitabdiara, in Chhapra in Bihar - the birth place of LokNayak Jai Prakash Narayan.**

**137. Cabinet approves renewal of Long Term Agreement with Japanese and South Korean Steel Mills for supply of high grade Indian iron ore, during the three year period from April, 2015 to March, 2018.**

### **1.7.2015**

#### **PM launches Digital India**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally unveiled the Digital India project on 1<sup>st</sup> July. The program aims to make all citizens digitally literate and bring internet and e-governance to all sections of the society. The vision of Digital India program also aims at inclusive growth in areas of electronic services, products, manufacturing and job opportunities etc. The Prime Minister said that Digital India has drawn investments worth Rs 4.5 lakh crore and will create 18 lakh jobs. Pm said that "E-governance is going to change into m-governance or mobile governance. Mobile governance is going to be a reality soon,"

### **2.7.2015**

**138. Cabinet approved India's first integrated National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015.**

The Policy acknowledges the need for an effective roadmap for promotion of entrepreneurship as the key to a successful skills strategy.

**139. Cabinet gave its approval for the institutional framework for the National Skill Development Mission in keeping with the commitment made during the Budget Speech for 2015-16.**

**140. Cabinet gave its approval for introduction of Common Norms across all skill development schemes being implemented by different Ministries / Departments of Government of India.**

### **15.7.2015**

#### **PM launches Skill India**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally unveiled the National Policy for Skill development and Entrepreneurship 2015 on 15th July, 2015 while launching the Skill India Campaign. The National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015 is an attempt to provide an integrated policy for comprehensive roadmap for growth of skilling as well as entrepreneurship in the country by addressing the needs of job seekers as well as job creators. Prime Minister also launched "National Skill Development Mission" on 15th July. The National Skill Development Mission aims to consolidate skill initiatives across the country, and standardize procedures and outcomes.

### **16.7.2015**

**141. Cabinet has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Canada in the field of Civil Aviation.**

**142. Cabinet gave its approval for forming an expert group under the Chairmanship of Shri Arvind Panagariya, Vice-Chairperson, NITI AAYOG, to classify the Caste names returned in the Socio Economic and Caste Census, 2011 (SECC).**

**143. Cabinet gave its approval for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP) Phase-II. The second phase will be implemented in the States of Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra**

and West Bengal with World Bank Assistance at a total cost 2361.35 crore to address the vulnerability of the coastal community to cyclone. This section of the population is generally poor and from weaker sections of society.

**144.Cabinet nod for extension for the next three years, that is upto 2016-17 of the scheme of recapitalization of weak Regional Rural Banks (RRBs).** These banks are unable to maintain their minimum Capital to Risk weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) of 9 percent. This decision will help them improve this ratio.

**145.Cabinet approved revised cost estimates for Phase-I of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project for Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.** The original cost has been enhanced by Rs. 835 crore to Rs 2331.71 crore from Rs. 1496.71 crore. This will address the vulnerability of coastal communities to cyclone. This section of the population is generally poor and from the weaker sections of society.

**146.Cabinet gave its approval for the proposal to permit utilization of India's capital contribution to the SAARC Development Fund (SDF) for its Economic and Infrastructure Windows,** in addition to the existing approval for utilizing India's capital contribution for the Social Window of SDF.

**147.Cabinet approval for the second phase of eCourts Mission Mode Project at an estimated cost of Rs.1670 crore.** It envisages enhanced ICT enablement of courts through universal computerisation, use of cloud computing, digitization of case records and enhanced availability of e-services through e-filing, e-payment gateways and mobile applications etc.

**148.Cabinet nod to review the existing FDI policy on various sectors provided in the Consolidated FDI Policy Circular 2014, as amended by the Consolidated FDI Policy Circular 2015,** by introducing composite caps for simplification of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy to attract foreign investments.

**149.Cabinet gave its ex-post facto approval for Repealing and Amending (Third) Bill, 2015,** which was introduced in Lok Sabha on 13th May, 2015 for repealing 187 Acts. The Cabinet also approved introduction of a new Bill, namely, the Repealing and Amending (Fourth) Bill, 2015 in the Lok Sabha for the repeal of 295 Acts, identified for repeal by the concerned Ministries/Departments and the Legislative Department.

**150.Cabinet approval for redevelopment of railway stations on 'as is where is' basis,** through open invitation from interested parties with their designs and business ideas including permitting commercial development of real estate by the Zonal Railways.

**151.Cabinet gave its approval for signing and ratification of an Inter-Governmental agreement between India and Armenia,** on cooperation in the field of Agriculture.

### 29.7.2015

**152.Cabinet approved the 'Consumer Protection Bill 2015'** which provides for a comprehensive framework for the protection of the interests of consumers. It will replace the 'Consumer Protection Act 1986'.

**153.Cabinet has given its approval for moving official amendments to the Anti-Hijacking Bill 2014** and for considerations of the bill pending before the Rajya Sabha.

**154.Cabinet has given its approval to the creation of "National Investment and Infrastructure Fund".** The NIIF is being created with an objective of maximizing economic impact mainly through infrastructure development in commercially viable projects.

### 5.8.2015

**155.Cabinet has given its 'in principle' approval for hiving off mobile tower assets of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) into a separate company.** This will help BSNL to realign its structure in the highly competitive telecom sector. It will also help BSNL to unlock its tower assets and to improve its financial position.

**156.Cabinet has given its approval to extend financial support of Rs 169.16 crore to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Rs 458.04 crore to Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) totaling Rs 627.20 crore** on surrender of 800 MHz CDMA carriers in few of their circles. These are four Licensed Service Areas (LSAs) of BSNL (one carrier of 1.25 MHz each) and MTNL in Delhi and Mumbai (two carriers of 1.25 MHz each).

**157. Cabinet nod for decentralization shipping arrangements in respect of ocean transportation of cargoes under the control of Government/Public Sector Undertakings.** With a view to empowering various Government Departments/Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) with adequate flexibility to directly make their own shipping arrangements in respect of ocean transportation of cargoes, the Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to the proposal of the Ministry of Shipping for decentralizing existing chartering arrangements.

**158. Cabinet has given its approval for direct release of wages to workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. (05 Aug 2015).** This is keeping in with the view to better implementation and empowerment of States.

**159. Cabinet has given its approval for Signing and ratification of the agreement with UNESCO for establishment of "A centre for world natural heritage management and training for the Asia and Pacific Region"** as a Category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO at the wildlife institute of India, Dehradun

#### **160. Cabinet approves guidelines on spectrum sharing**

Fulfilling the Government's commitment to improve spectral efficiency and quality of service, which is very essential to fulfill the dream of Digital India, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to the guidelines on spectrum sharing, arising from the recommendations of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

#### **12.8.2015**

**161. Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding between India and France** to establish basis for cooperative institutional relationship to encourage and promote technical bilateral cooperation on new and renewable energy issues.

**162. Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding between India and Mongolia** to establish basis for cooperative institutional relationship to encourage and promote technical bilateral cooperation on new and renewable energy.

**163. Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding between India and United States of America on cooperation to establish the Pace Setter Fund .** This ambitious cooperation is a new tract under the U.S.-India Partnership to Advance Clean Energy (PACE), a flagship initiative on Clean Energy that combines resources of several U.S. agencies and Government of India ministries.

**164. Cabinet approves Agreement between ESSO-IITM India and WCRP, Geneva** on hosting International CLIVAR Monsoon Project Office at ESSO-IITM, Pune, India

**165. Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding between India and Nepal** for construction of petroleum products pipeline from Raxaul (India) to Amlekhgunj (Nepal) and re-engineering of Amlekhgunj Depot and allied facilities

#### **18.8.2015**

#### **Government launches SurakshaBandhan Drive**

Government Launches SurakshaBandhan Drive to Facilitate Enrolment under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) through the Jeevan Suraksha Gift Cheques (Rs. 351), the Suraksha Deposit Scheme (Rs. 201) and Jeevan Suraksha Deposit Scheme (Rs. 5001) Initiatives

#### **20.8.15**

**166. Cabinet approves Promulgation of the Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Value Added Tax (Amendment) Regulation, 2015** under article 240 of the Constitution.

**167. Cabinet gives its nod for Signing and Ratification of agreement between India and Seychelles** for the exchange of information with respect to taxes



**168. Cabinet approves Signing of MoU India and Australia** on cooperation in the fields of education, training and research

### 26.8.2015

**169. Cabinet gave its approval for the extension of the term of the 7th Central Pay Commission by four months up to 31.12.2015.**

**170. Cabinet gives its approval to Amendments in the Central List of Other Backward Classes (OBCs)** in respect of the two States (Gujarat and Uttarakhand)

**171. Cabinet gave its approval for amendments to the Arbitration and Conciliation Bill, 2015** taking into consideration the Law Commission's recommendations, and suggestions received from stake holders. The Government of India has decided to amend the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 by introducing the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2015 in the Parliame

**172. Cabinet has given its approval for signing and ratification of the agreement on mutual legal and judicial cooperation** in civil and commercial matters with Oman.

**173. Union Cabinet, has given its approval for the agreement on legal and judicial cooperation** in civil and commercial matters for the service of summons, judicial documents, commissions, execution of judgements and arbitral awards between India and Afghanistan.

### 2.9.2015

**174. Union Cabinet gave its approval to the Marginal Fields Policy (MFP), for development of hydrocarbon discoveries made by national oil companies;** Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL). These discoveries could not be monetized for many years due to various reasons such as isolated locations, small size of reserves, high development costs, technological constraints, fiscal regime etc.

**175. The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, to reimburse Rs.113.40 crore of losses on pulses imported between 2006-2011 by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED), Project and Equipment Corporation (PEC), State Trading Corporation (STC) and Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation (MMTC),** apart from losses incurred in the sale of pulses upto six months after closure of the scheme. This will enable the Central PSUs to intensify trading activities to cool down prices.

### 9.9.15

**176. The Union Cabinet has approved release of an additional installment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to Pensioners w.e.f. 01.07.2015.** This represents an increase of 6 percent over the existing rate of 113 percent of the Basic Pay/Pension, to compensate for price rise.

**177. Cabinet approves Preferential Treatment by India to Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in Trade in Services in the WTO.** India will notify preferential treatment to the LDCs in Trade in Services in respect of article XVI of the GATS (Market Access), Technical Assistance and capacity building and Waiver of visa fees for LDC applicants applying for Indian Business and Employment visas. The preferences will be bound with validity for 15 years from the date of notification by India.

**178. Close on heels of the decision on spectrum sharing, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has approved a proposal of the Department of Telecommunications on guidelines for spectrum trading** arising from the recommendations of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). Together with the earlier decision, this is expected to transform the spectrum usage in the telecom sector.

**179. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval on the Constitution of the 21st Law Commission of India,** for a period of three years w.e.f. 1st September, 2015 to 31st August, 2018.



**180. Union Cabinet has given its approval to the Amendment in the First Schedule of Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 to transfer the authority to regulate 'potable alcohol' to States** as recommended by the Law Commission in its 158th Report. The existing heading "26 Fermentation Industries" in the First Schedule of Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 shall be substituted with the heading "26 Fermentation Industries (other than potable alcohol)". A Bill to this effect will be introduced in Parliament.

**181. Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for introduction of Gold Monetization Schemes (GMS),** as announced in the Union Budget 2015-16. The objective of introducing the modifications in the schemes is to make the existing schemes more effective and to broaden the ambit of the existing schemes from merely mobilizing gold held by households and institutions in the country to putting this gold into productive use. The long-term objective which is sought through this arrangement is to reduce the country's reliance on the import of gold to meet domestic demand. GMS would benefit the Indian gems and jewellery sector which is a major contributor to India's exports. In fiscal year 2014-15, gems and jewellery constituted 12 per cent of India's total exports and the value of gold items alone was more than \$13 billion (provisional figures). The mobilized gold will also supplement RBI's gold reserves and will help in reducing the government's borrowing cost.

**182. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to permit Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), up to 100 percent,** under the automatic route, in the activity of White Label ATM (WLA) Operations subject to conditions.

**183. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, gave its approval for introduction of the Sovereign Gold Bonds Scheme.** The scheme will help in reducing the demand for physical gold by shifting a part of the estimated 300 tons of physical bars and coins purchased every year for investment into gold bonds. Since most of the demand for gold in India is met through imports, this scheme will, ultimately help in maintaining the country's Current Account Deficit within sustainable limits.

**184. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to the National Offshore Wind Energy Policy.** With this approval, the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) has been authorized as the Nodal Ministry for use of offshore areas within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the country and the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) has been authorized as the Nodal Agency for development of offshore wind energy in the country and to carry out allocation of offshore wind energy blocks, coordination and allied functions with related ministries and agencies.

**185. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post-facto approval to the capital infusion made in the Export Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) of Rs. 800 crore,** as approved in the Demands for Grants and consented to by the Finance Minister to support the future growth of the Bank.

### 16.9.2015

**186. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the creation of four posts of Directors for four new National Institutes of Design (NIDs) at Kurukshetra in Haryana, Maghha Pradesh capital Bhopal., Jorhat in Assam and Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh.**

**187. In an ambitious bid to transform rural areas to economically, socially and physically sustainable spaces, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) with an outlay of Rs. 5142.08 crores.** The Mission aims at development of rural growth clusters which have latent potential for growth, in all States and UTs, which would trigger overall development in the region. These clusters would be developed by provisioning of economic activities, developing skills & local entrepreneurship and providing infrastructure amenities. **The Rurban Mission will thus develop a cluster of Smart Villages.**

**188. Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for providing concessional financing scheme to support Indian companies bidding for strategically important infrastructure projects abroad**

**189. Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval to the capital infusion of Rs. 2600 crore made in India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd. (IIFCL).** During 2007-08 to 2012-13, as approved in the Demand for grants to support the future growth of the company.

**190.**The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval to provide an additional 50 days of unskilled manual work in the financial year over and above the 100 days assured to job card holders, in such rural areas where drought or natural calamities have been notified. This will enable States to provide additional wage employment to the rural poor in drought affected areas. The poorest rural households will benefit from this, as it will help in immediate absorption of rural seasonal unemployment, and reduce rural distress.

**191.** The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for the proposal to promulgate the Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015. The proposed amendments to the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 ("The NI Act") are focused on clarifying the jurisdiction related issues for filing cases for offence committed under section 138 of the NI Act.

**192.**The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the transfer back by de-leasing of 72 acres and 3 marla of land adjoining the main water channel and forest area of the sub campus of the Central Institute for Research on Buffaloes (CIRB) at Nabha, Punjab to the Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Punjab for maintaining of cattle at the State-of-the Art Advanced Cattle farm at Rauni (Patiala).

**193.** The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today approved the introduction of an improved Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) for the employees of Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Limited (HDPEL) and restructuring of the company through a Joint Venture (JV). The improved VRS package is based on IDA 2007 linked pay scale. The improved VRS Scheme would be open for three months with a provision of extension by another one month. After the implementation of the improved VRS, JV formation with the private sector would be attempted failing which the company would be disinvested.

### 21.9.2015

**194.**Cabinet has approved the proposal for the extension and expansion of the Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (MSIPS).

**195.**Cabinet has approved creation of a Central Agricultural University at Pusa in Samastipur District of Bihar State by converting the State Agricultural University into a national level institution through strengthening of infrastructure, and manpower and provision of other facilities at a cost of Rs.295 crore. (21st July 2015)

**196.**Cabinet has given its approval to the revised cost estimate of the 1200 MW Punatsangchu-I Hydroelectric Projects in Bhutan of Rs. 9375.58 crore.

**197.** Cabinet has approved to provide additional interest subvention of 3 percent per annum to those farmers who repay on time (that is within one year of disbursement), their short-term crop loans taken during the year 2015-16. (21st July 2015)

**198.**Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the proposal of the Department of Commerce to Allow unrestricted exports of Rice Bran oil.

**199.**Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEF&CC) to restructure the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) project. (21st July 2015)

**200.**Cabinet has given its approval to foreign investment in the alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) set up under Securities and exchange Board of India (SEBI) Regulations for facilitating domestic investment.

### 22.9.15

**201.**The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the setting up of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The ISLRTC will be under the aegis of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. It shall be located initially at the Institute for Physically Handicapped, New Delhi. This decision will help the five million deaf community of the country. It shall provide for increased accessibility for the hearing impaired in education, in the workplace and in all activities of public life.

**202. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for extension of validity of Central Order No.SO.2559 (E) dated 30.9.2014 for a further period of one year, that is from 1st October, 2015 to 30th September 2016 in respect of pulses, edible oils and edible oilseeds.** This will enable States to regulate trade of these essential commodities and to continue to take effective operations under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. They can impose stock limits/licensing requirements etc. to curb unscrupulous trading, hoarding and profiteering. The extension will also help the States in tackling the problem of ensuring adequate availability of these commodities in the domestic market and keep prices under control.

**203.The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for signing of Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) between India and Germany** for minor amendments in the earlier MoU for facilitating implementation of the programme "Indo-German Partnerships in Higher Education".

**204.The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval for signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Cambodia for cooperation in the field of tourism** with an aim to promoting bilateral tourism between the two countries.

#### 7.10.15

**205. The Union Cabinet has given its ex-post facto approval for circulation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Agreement on cooperation in the field of sports signed with Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan.** This MoU was signed in July, 2015

**206. Cabinet approves construction of National War Memorial :**The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the construction of a National War Memorial and a National War Museum at Princess Park, near India Gate, New Delhi in memory of all Indian soldiers who have made the supreme sacrifice for the country post-independence. The estimated cost of the project will be around Rs. 500 crore and the total time for completion of the entire project is estimated to be five years.

**207. Cabinet approves Protocol on framework for cooperation in the field of blue economy between India and Seychelles**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval to the protocol for cooperation in the field of blue economy which was signed between India and Seychelles during the visit of the President of Seychelles to India on August 26, 2015.

**208.Cabinet approves setting up of new AIIMS under Pradhan MantriSwasthyaSurakhsaYojana**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi,gave its approval for setting up of three new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Nagpur in Maharashtra, at Manglagiri in Andhra Pradesh and at Kalyani in West Bengal under Pradhan MantriSwasthyaSurakshaYojna (PMSSY). This involves financial implication of Rs.4949 crores.

**209. Union Cabinet approves the Protocol amending the Agreement between India and Vietnam** for the avoidance of double taxation and for prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.

**210. Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved Production Linked Bonus for Railway Employees for 78 days.**

**211.Cabinet approves the Protocol amending the Convention and the Protocol between India and Israel for the avoidance of double taxation and for the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and on capital.**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the protocol amending the Convention and the Protocol between India and Israel, for avoidance of double taxation and for prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and on capital.

**212.Cabinet has approved Cadre review and formation of a service by the name of 'Indian Skill Development Service.** The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for the formation of a Group 'A' service of the technical cadre of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSD&E). This was earlier

called the Directorate General of Employment & Training, Ministry of Labour Employment. The new service will be called the Indian Skill Development Service (ISDS)

#### **14.10.15**

**213.**The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, **approves MoU between the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, India and Mozambique**

**214.**The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi gave its approval for **extending the existing Productivity Linked Reward (PLR) Scheme for Port and Dock employees for payment of Productivity Linked Reward from the year 2014-15 to 2015-16.**

**215.**Union Cabinet has given its nod to the **Permission for loss making subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) to adopt 2007 pay revision** as an exception to the prescribed affordability clause and payment of Performance Related Pay (PRP) to executives and non-unionised supervisors of all subsidiaries of CIL

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the recommendations of the Committee of Secretaries to regularize the 2007 Pay Revision implemented by Coal India Limited (CIL) with effect from 01.01.2007 in the loss making subsidiaries. This is being allowed as a special dispensation to CIL. However, this special dispensation to CIL will not be cited as a precedent by other loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).

**215. Cabinet approves Implementation of the Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project in Myanmar at the Revised Cost Estimate of Rs 2904.04 Crore**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today gave its approval for the Revised Cost Estimate (RCE) of Rs.2904.04 crores for the Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project in Myanmar. The project will provide an alternate access route to the North-Eastern region of India and contribute towards the region's economic development. Being a key connectivity project, it will promote economic, commercial and strategic links between India and Myanmar.

**216. Cabinet approves Upgradation of existing NIFT Campuses for implementation of reservation for OBC students – extension of timeline for utilization of fund**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved Upgradation of existing NIFT Campuses for implementation of reservation for OBC students – extension of timeline for utilization of fund. With this, extension of timeline is effective for utilization of balance available fund of Rs. 90.13 crore, by two years beyond 31.03.2015 that is upto March 2017. This will enable upgradation of facilities for implementation of OBC reservation in NIFT and operating the campuses more effectively and efficiently.

**217. Cabinet approves MoU between India-Taipei Association (ITA) in Taipei and Taipei Economic and Cultural Center (TECC) in India on cooperation in the field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the MoU between the India-Taipei Association (ITA) in Taipei and Taipei Economic and Cultural Center (TECC) in India. The MoU is on cooperation in the field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

#### **21.10.2015**

**218. Cabinet approves the signing of Agreement between India and Egypt on Maritime Transport.**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval today for signing of an agreement between India and Egypt on Maritime Transport.

**219. Cabinet has approved Signing of a treaty between India and Maldives on Mutual Legal Assistance in criminal matters**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval today for signing of a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty in Criminal Matters between India and the Maldives.

**05.11.2015**

**220.Cabinet has approved UDAY (Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana) for financial turnaround of Power Distribution Companies.**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has today given its approval to a new scheme moved by the Ministry of Power - Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojna or UDAY. UDAY provides for the financial turnaround and revival of Power Distribution companies (DISCOMs), and importantly also ensures a sustainable permanent solution to the problem.

**221.Cabinet has approved Return of 803 acres of land under possession of Nepa Limited at Hempur, Distt. Kashipur (Uttarakhand) to Government of Uttarakhand**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today has given its approval to return of 803 acres of land at Hempur, Distt. Kashipur (Uttarakhand) under possession of Nepa Limited, Neapanagar to Government of Uttarkhand. Nepa Limited, Neapanagar is a Public Sector Enterprise (PSE) of Government of India.

**222.Cabinet has approved Protocol amending the Convention between India and Turkmenistan for the avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and on capital**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval today for amending the Double Taxation Avoidance Convention (DTAC) signed between India and Turkmenistan in 1997 for the avoidance of double taxation and for the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and on capital, through a Protocol.

**223.Cabinet has approved MoU between India and Belgium for Energy.**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved a Memorandum of Understanding which has been signed between Indian and Belgian government authorities at the Federal and regional level for energy.

**224.Cabinet has approved Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between India and Colombia in the field of Tourism**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for signing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Tourism of India and the Ministry of Trade Industry and Tourism of Colombia for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism.

**225. Cabinet approves Additional allocation of foodgrains to the States/UTs for the Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL) families in the States/UTs for the period October, 2015 to March, 2016**

The National Food Security Act (NFSA) has come into force w.e.f. 5.7.2013 under which 2/3rd population of the country will be provided foodgrains at highly subsidized rates of Rs. 2/- per kg for wheat and Rs. 3/- per kg for rice. The coverage under the Act is based on 2011 population estimates.

**226.Cabinet approves Accession to the Council of Europe Convention on Transfer of Sentenced Persons**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for:

**227. Cabinet approves MSP for Rabi Crops of 2015-16 season**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for Rabi Crops of 2015-16 Season to be Marketed in 2016-17.

**228.Cabinet approves Proposal of M/s. Mylan Laboratories Limited for increase in FDI up to US \$ 750 million in MLL by Mylan Luxembourg S.a.r.l. Luxembourg and / or Mylan Group B.V. Netherlands through subscription of equity shares and / or compulsorily convertible debentures for providing MLL part of the funds required for the acquisition of the entire shareholding of JPL post the demerger from its then shareholders**



The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal of the Department of Economic Affairs for increase in FDI up to US \$ 750 million in Mylan Laboratories Limited (MLL) by Mylan Luxembourg S.a.r.l. Luxembourg and / or Mylan Group B.V. Netherlands through subscription of equity shares and / or compulsorily convertible debentures for providing MLL part of the funds required for the acquisition of the entire shareholding of JPL, post the demerger from its then shareholders (including Orizaba and resident Indian shareholders).

### **229.Cabinet approves Determination of marketing margin for supply of domestic gas to urea and LPG producers**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for determination of marketing margin for supply of domestic gas to urea and LPG producers.

### **230. Cabinet approves Signing of revised Air Services Agreement between India and New Zealand**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing of revised Air Services Agreement between India and New Zealand.

### **231.Cabinet approves Proposal to provide a two year extension with amendments to the Framework on Currency Swap Arrangement for SAARC member countries upto November 14, 2017 and extension thereafter if necessary.**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given approval for the proposal to provide a two year extension with amendments to the 'Framework on Currency Swap Arrangement for SAARC Member Countries' upto November 14, 2017, and extension thereafter, if necessary, by Finance Minister.

### **232.Cabinet approves the proposal for providing relief to the militancy affected migrants of the hilly areas of Jammu division at par with the Kashmiri Migrants**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal for providing relief to the migrants of the Hilly areas of Jammu division at par with the relief being provided to the Kashmiri migrants involving a total estimated expenditure of Rs. 13.45 Crore per annum.

### **233.Cabinet approves Ratification of the Articles of Agreement of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for the ratification and submitting of the Articles of Agreement (AoA) of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

### **234. Cabinet approves the proposal to provide State Government jobs and transit accommodations in the Kashmir Valley for the rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for providing State Government jobs and transit accommodations in the Kashmir Valley for the rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants involving a total estimated expenditure of Rs.2000 crore.

### **235.Cabinet approves Protocol amending the Agreement between India and Kuwait for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for the protocol amending the Agreement between India and Kuwait for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.

### **236.Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding between India and Germany on Security Cooperation**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Germany on Security Cooperation.

### **237.Cabinet approval for signing Tripartite Agreement among India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) on the IBSA Fund for the Alleviation of Poverty and Hunger**



The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the signing of the Tripartite Agreement among India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA), on the IBSA Fund for the Alleviation of Poverty and Hunger.

**238.Cabinet approval for Signing of Joint Declaration of Intent between Ministry of Human Resource Development and Federal Foreign Office of Germany on Promotion of German as an additional Foreign Language in India and Promotion of Modern Indian Languages in Germany.**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, gave its ex-post approval to the Joint Declaration of Intent between the Ministry of Human Resource Development and Federal Foreign Office of Germany on Promotion of German as an additional Foreign Language in KV schools in conformity with the National Education Policy of India and promotion of teaching of Modern Indian Languages in Germany.

**239.Cabinet approves Exchange of scattered plots of land of Directorate General of Lighthouses & Lightships with land of M/s JSW Jaigarh Port Limited at Jaigarh Lighthouse, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra**

The Union Cabinet Chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the exchange of scattered plots of land of Directorate General of Lighthouses & Lightships (DGLL) with land of M/s JSW Jaigarh Port Limited at Jaigarh Lighthouse, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.

**240. Cabinet approves Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of the Interior Germany and the Ministry of Civil Aviation of India for carriage of In-flight Security Officers (IFCOs) on board the flight – ex post facto approval**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, gave its ex-post facto approval to the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of the Interior Germany and the Ministry of Civil Aviation of India for carriage of In-flight Security Officers (IFCOs) on board the flight.

**241.Cabinet approves setting up of National Resource Facility for Bio-medical Research (NARF) at Genome Valley in Hyderabad**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the proposal of the Department of Health Research in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for setting up of a National Resource Facility for Bio-medical Research (NARF) at Genome Valley in Hyderabad by the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR). The estimated project cost is Rs. 338.58 crores and the resource center is expected to be functional by 2018-19.

**242.Cabinet approves MoU between India and Vietnam for cooperation in the field of Animal Health**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Vietnam for cooperation in the field of Animal Health. The MoU was signed in September, 2014.

**243.Cabinet approves Modification of existing guidelines for the Policy on bilateral Official Development Assistance for Development Corporation with bilateral partners**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for modification of existing guidelines of the Policy on bilateral Official Development Assistance for Development Corporation with bilateral partners.

**244.Cabinet approves Extension of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems Project**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for a major revamp of the Crime and Criminals Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) Project and has decided to implement Integrated Criminal Justice System (ICJS) by integrating CCTNS with E-Courts, E-prisons, Forensics and Prosecution- the key components of the criminal Justice System. This will ensure quick data transfer among different pillars of criminal justice system, which will not only enhance transparency but also reduce processing time. This project is now fully aligned with the vision of the Smart policing and Digital India of the Government of India. Police-Citizen interface will undergo a major shift with the implementation of this project, as a number of services will be enabled through citizen portal.

**245. Cabinet approves Direct subsidy to sugarcane growers**

Sustained surpluses of production over domestic consumption in the last five years has led to subdued sugar prices, which has stressed the liquidity position of the industry leading to a build up of cane price arrears. During sugar season 2014-15, the peak cane price arrears were Rs.21,000 crore as on 15/4/2015.

**246. Cabinet approves Segregation of Civil Construction cost from capital cost of National Highways projects for appraisal and approval**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to segregate construction cost from cost for land acquisition, centages and pre-construction activities for the purpose of appraisal and approval of National Highways (NH) projects for the following dispensation.

**247. Cabinet approves Interest Equalisation Scheme on Pre & Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit with effect from 1st April, 2015 for five years**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for Interest Equalisation Scheme (earlier called Interest Subvention Scheme) on Pre & Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit with effect from 1st April, 2015 for five years. The scheme will be evaluated after three years.

**248. Cabinet approves Initial Public Offer of Cochin Shipyard Limited**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for issue of an Initial Public Offer (IPO) of Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).

**249. Cabinet approves Doubling of Jagdalpur-Koraput Railway line**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for doubling of Jagdalpur-Koraput section railway line of 110.22 km with a completion cost of Rs.1839.02 crore.

**250. Cabinet approves Doubling of Koraput-Singapur Road Railway line**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for doubling of Koraput-Singapur Road section railway line of 164.56 km with a completion cost of Rs.2361.74 crore.

**251. Cabinet approves Doubling of Kottavalasa-Koraput Railway line**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for doubling of Kottavalasa-Koraput Railway line of 189.278 km with a completion cost of Rs.2977.64 crore.

**252. Cabinet approves Authorizing National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for rationalized compensation to concessionaires in case of delays not attributable to concessionaires for languishing highway projects on BOT mode**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval.

**253. Cabinet approves 3rd and 4th lines between Budhapank and Salegaon via Rajathgarh Railway Line**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for 3rd and 4th lines between Budhapank and Salegaon via Rajathgarh Railway Line of 85 km each with a cost of Rs.1172.92 crore.

**254. Cabinet approves Extension of the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for second extension to the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS).

**255. Cabinet approves Revised cost estimate for construction of Rail-cum-Road Bridge across river Ganga at Munger**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for revised cost estimate amounting to Rs.2774 crore with Railway share as Rs.1247 crore and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways share as Rs.1527 crore for construction of Rail-cum-Road Bridge across River Ganga (14 kms) at Munger with a provision that the cost of land for road approaches may increase in future as the State Government of Bihar has not yet initiated acquisition proceedings for the same.

**256. Cabinet approves Disinvestment of 10 percent paid up equity capital in Coal India Limited**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the disinvestment of 10 percent paid up equity capital of Coal India Limited. This implies divesting of 63,16,36,440 shares of Face Value of Rs. 10 each out of the Government of India shareholding of 78.65 percent (after adjusting one percent equity to be offered for sale to the employees of CIL as per CCEA decision in September 2014, which is under process of implementation) through public offering in the domestic market.

**02-12-2015****257. Protocol between Government of India and the Government of Japan on Amendment of Convention for the avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income**

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved signing and ratification of Protocol between India and Japan for amending the Double Taxation Avoidance Convention (DTAC) signed between the two countries in 1989 for avoidance of double taxation and for prevention of fiscal evasion, through a protocol.

**258. Cabinet approves rehabilitation package and upgradation of infrastructure of the Bangladeshi enclaves and Cooch Behar district after transfer of enclaves between India and Bangladesh**

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the rehabilitation package and upgradation of infrastructure of the Bangladeshi enclaves and Cooch Behar district after transfer of enclaves between India and Bangladesh.

**259. Revised cost estimates for setting up of five Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the revised cost estimates to the tune of Rs. 4,799 crore as against the originally approved cost of Rs.2,500 crore, for setting up of five Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) at Kolkata, Pune, Mohali, Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram.

**260. MoU between India and Iran on visa facilitation**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the signing of the agreement between India and Iran on visa facilitation for Diplomatic, Official/Service and Ordinary passport holders.

**261. Setting up and operationalization of six new IITs and in-principle approval for establishment of these IITs as Registered Societies under the Societies Registration Act, 1860**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved setting up of six new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in Andhra Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Goa, Jammu, Kerala and Karnataka. The Cabinet further gave its approval for operationalisation of these IITs initially by forming of Societies under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 in order to give a legal status to them till the amendment for their incorporation in The Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 is enacted.

**262. MoU between India and Germany for Capital Goods Sector**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which has been signed between Indian and Germany, for implementation of Make in India campaign for Capital Goods Sector and Fraunhofer Gesellschaft (Fraunhofer), Germany, a leading organisation of 65 institutes for applied industrial research in Europe.

### **263.MoU between India and Germany for Solar Energy**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which has been signed in October, 2015, between Indian and Germany, to expand bilateral development cooperation in the field of Solar Energy by increasing use of solar energy in India through technical as well as financial cooperation.

### **264. Introduction of “Regional Centre for Biotechnology Bill, 2015” in the Parliament**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for introduction of a Bill for establishment of a Regional Centre for Biotechnology in Faridabad.

### **265. Cabinet approves changes in the Implementation Framework of National Rural Livelihood Mission**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has today given its approval for changes in the rural welfare programmes for a focussed and targeted intervention in poverty reduction, expanding the benefits of interest subvention under National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) to 100 more districts and flexibility in allocation to Himayat programme and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana for skilling and placing more youth from poorer sections.

### **266. Memorandum of Understanding between India and Maldives in the field of sports and youth affairs**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Maldives which was signed in October, 2015 in the field of sports and youth affairs.

### **267.Memorandum of Understanding between India and Israel in the field of water resources management and development cooperation**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Israel in the field of water resources management and development cooperation.

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### **268. Cabinet approves Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2015**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2015, as reported by the Select Committee of Rajya Sabha. The Bill will now be taken up for consideration and passing by the Parliament.

### **269. Cabinet approves Central Legislation to declare 106 additional inland waterways as national waterways**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to carry out official amendments in "The National Waterways Bill, 2015". The amendments are based on the recommendations of the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture and comments of State Governments.

### **270. Memorandum of Understanding between India and United Kingdom in the field of cooperation in the energy sector**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on cooperation in the energy sector.

**271. Memorandum of Understanding between India and Indonesia in the field new and renewable energy cooperation**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Indonesia in the field of new and renewable energy. The MoU was signed in Jakarta last month during Vice President, Shri M. Hamid Ansari's visit to Indonesia.

**16.12.2015****272. Model Text for the Indian Bilateral Investment Treaty**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for the revised Model Text for the Indian Bilateral Investment Treaty. The revised Indian model text for Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) will replace the existing Indian Model BIT.

**273. Approval for sale of plot of land of Air India located at Pankaja Mills Road, Coimbatore**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for sale of plot measuring 0.99 acres belonging to Air India located at Pankaja Mills Road, Coimbatore for a consideration of Rs.19.81 crore.

**274. Memorandum of Understanding between India and Spain on cooperation in Port matters**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Spain on cooperation in Port matters.

**275. Policy framework for development of Underground Coal Gasification in coal and lignite bearing areas in India**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved a policy framework for development of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) in coal and lignite bearing areas in the country. UCG is a method of extraction of energy from coal/lignite resources which are otherwise regarded as uneconomical to work through conventional mining methods.

**276. Memorandum of Understanding in energy saving and energy efficiency among BRICS countries**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval to an MoU signed between India and its BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) counterparts for strengthening and further developing of energy saving and energy efficiency cooperation based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit.

**277. Amendments in the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 so as to modify the list of Scheduled Castes in respect of Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Kerala, Odisha and West Bengal and in the Central List of Other Backward Classes of Chhattisgarh, Haryana and Kerala**

**278. Consortium Agreement for Core Partnership on Unified Model Earth System Modelling for Seamless Prediction of Weather and Climate**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the signing of the Consortium Agreement by the Earth System Science Organization-Ministry of Earth Sciences (ESSO-MoES) with the U. K. Met Office (UKMO), Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA) and the Commonwealth of Australia through its Bureau of Meteorology and the Commonwealth Scientific Industrial and Research Organisation (CSIRO) for a coordinated effort in the development of a state-of-art Unified Model (UM) Earth System Model for the seamless prediction of weather and climate from days to season.

**279. Amendments in the Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Bill, 2015, as introduced in the Lok Sabha**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval to official amendments in the Commercial Courts, Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division of High Courts Bill, 2015, as introduced in the Lok Sabha.

**280. Methodology for fixing Upfront Payment and Reserve Price for allotment of coal mines/blocks for sale of coal to PSUs under the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for allotting coal mines to Central and State PSUs for sale of coal specially to Medium, Small and cottage industries under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015.

**22.12.2015****281. Approval of Model Agreement on exemption from visa requirements for the holders of diplomatic and official passports**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Model Agreement on exemption from visa requirements for the holders of diplomatic and official passports. This would facilitate visa-free entry, transit and stay up to 90 days (or less) in any period of 180 days (or more) in the territory of India or signatory country for holders of diplomatic and official passports of either country.

**282. Revised cost estimates of Salma Dam Project in Afghanistan**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the reconstruction and completion of Salma Dam Project in Afghanistan at the Revised Cost Estimates (RCE) of Rs.1775.69 crore.

The project is scheduled to be completed by June, 2016. M/s. WAPCOS, a central Public Sector Unit under the Ministry of Water Resources, is executing the project.

**283. Approval for Lucknow Metro Rail Project Phase-1A**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Lucknow Metro Rail Project Phase - 1 A. It will cover a length of 22.878 km with 22 stations.



The cost of the project will be Rs. 6,928 crore which will be supported by Government of India with Rs.1,300 crore in the form of equity and subordinate debt

**284. Investment of Rs.5,000 crore by ONGC Limited in the equity of its wholly-owned subsidiary, ONGC Videsh Limited**

**285. Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries - a Central Sector Scheme on Blue Revolution**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for implementation of an umbrella scheme for integrated development and management of fisheries at an outlay of Rs.3,000 crore, for a period of five years.

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**286. Cabinet informed of the developments in India-Australia Civil Nuclear Cooperation**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took note of the administrative arrangements for implementing the India-Australia Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement that came into force on 13th November, 2015. The fuel supply arrangements with Australia will bolster energy security by supporting the expansion of nuclear power in India.

**287. Memorandum of Understanding between India and Jordan for promoting cooperation In the field of Information Technology and Electronics**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in October, 2015 between India and Jordan for promoting cooperation In the field of Information Technology and Electronics.

**288. Memorandum of Understanding between SINTEF, Norway and Central Public Works Department in the field of Recycling of Construction and Demolition Waste**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SINTEF, Norway and Central Public Works Department (CPWD) for cooperation in the development of human resource capacity building and scientific research in the field of Recycling of Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste in India.

**289. Approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Urban Development and Bloomberg Philanthropies to support the development of Smart Cities**

**290. Exchange of Airports Authority of India's land at Visakhapatnam Airport with an equivalent area of land offered by Visakhapatnam Port Trust for setting up of Multi Modal Logistics Park by M/s. Container Corporation of India at Visakhapatnam**

**291. Agreement between India and Maldives for the exchange of information with respect to taxes**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the signing and ratification of an Agreement for the exchange of information between India and Maldives with respect to taxes.

The Agreement will stimulate effective exchange of information between the two countries which will help curb tax evasion and tax avoidance.

**292. Construction of 69 Bridges including Approach Roads on the Tamu-Kyigone-Kalewa road section of the Trilateral Highway in Myanmar**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the construction of 69 Bridges including Approach Roads on the Tamu-Kyigone-Kalewa (TKK) road section of the Trilateral Highway in Myanmar at a cost of Rs.371.58 crore.

**293. Protocol amending the convention between India and Slovenia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the signing of a Protocol amending the Convention between India and Slovenia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income.

**294. Ex-post facto approval for signing of MoU among BRICS countries on BRICS Network University**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval for signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) among BRICS countries on BRICS Network University. The negotiations were held on this during the 3rd BRICS Education Ministers meeting and Senior Officials meeting in November, 2015 at Mosco, Russia.

**295. Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to sign Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia, also called the 'Raptor MOU' with the Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS). With the signing of this MOU, India will become the 54th signatory to the MOU.

**296. Renewal of MoU between India and Canada in Higher Education**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for renewal of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Canada for cooperation in Higher Education.

### **297. Cabinet approves formation of Joint Venture Companies with various State Governments for rail infrastructure projects**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the formation of Joint Venture Companies with various State Governments to mobilize resources for undertaking various rail infrastructure projects in the States. The initial paid up capital of Ministry of Railways would be limited to Rs. 50 crore for each State.

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### **298. Cabinet approves Stand Up India Scheme : A boost to promote entrepreneurship among SC/ST and Women**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today approved the “Stand Up India Scheme” to promote entrepreneurship among SC/ST and Women entrepreneurs. The Scheme is intended to facilitate at least two such projects per bank branch, on an average one for each category of entrepreneur. It is expected to benefit atleast 2.5 lakh borrowers.

### **299. Government brings paradigm shift in the approach for faster implementation under 'Namami Gange' programme**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal for taking up Hybrid Annuity based Public Private Partnership (PPP) model under Namami Gange Programme which aims to reform the wastewater sector in India. Marking a paradigm shift in the implementation mode, Hybrid Annuity based Public Private Partnership (PPP) model will now be adopted to ensure performance, efficiency, viability and sustainability.

**300. Cabinet approves creation of a Credit Guarantee Fund for MUDRA loans – A boost to refinance operations** The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for the creation of a Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units Development Refinance Agency (MUDRA) loans and to convert MUDRA Ltd. into MUDRA Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) Bank as a wholly owned subsidiary of SIDBI.

**301. Cabinet approves transfer of land from Farakka Barrage Project to Inland Waterways Authority of India for construction of a new navigational lock parallel to the existing navigational lock at Farakka**

**302. Signing of MoU between India and Singapore in the field of Civil Aviation** The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval for signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which was signed in November, 2015 between Airports Authority of India (On behalf of Government of India) and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (On behalf of Government of Singapore) in Civil Aviation during Prime Minister's visit to Singapore.

**303. Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to India-Bahrain Agreement on Cooperation in Combating International Terrorism, Transnational Organized Crime and Trafficking in Illicit Drugs, Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances and Precursors Chemicals, and ratification of the same**

**304. Cabinet apprised of the signing of protocol with Czech Republic on bilateral cooperation in the field of heavy industry**

**305. Cabinet approves ILO Recommendation No. 204 (R-204) concerning transition from the informal to the formal economy**

**306. Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval in respect of Memoranda of Understanding entered into by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Competition Commission of India (CCI) and Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) with Foreign Countries/Organizations**

**307. Memorandum of Understanding between India and Bangladesh and Mode of Operation of Border Haats for setting up of Border Haats of India-Bangladesh Border and addendum to the MoU signed earlier .**

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### **308. Cabinet approves New Crop Insurance Scheme – Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana – A boost to the farming sector**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today has approved the ‘Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana’ - a path breaking scheme for farmers’ welfare.

### **309. Cabinet approves India joining the International Energy Agency – Ocean Energy Systems**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for India becoming a member country of the International Energy Agency - Ocean Energy Systems (IEA-OES) by signing the Implementing Agreement (IA). The nodal agency for the membership would be Earth System Science Organisation - National Institute of Ocean Technology (ESSO-NIOT) under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

### **310. Constitution of an Empowered Committee of Secretaries to process the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission**

### **311. MoU between India and Maldives for Health**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Maldives which was signed in January, 2014 on cooperation in the field of Health.

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### **312.Ex-post-facto approval on the approach adopted by India at the Tenth Ministerial Conference of the WTO held in Nairobi, Kenya during 15-19 December 2015**



The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval for the approach adopted by India at the Tenth Ministerial Conference of the WTO held in Nairobi, Kenya during 15-19 December 2015.

### **313. Cabinet approves amendments in Power Tariff Policy to ensure 24X7 affordable Power for all**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Power for amendments in the Tariff Policy. For the first time a holistic view of the power sector has been taken and comprehensive amendments have been made in the Tariff policy 2006. The amendments are also aimed at achieving the objectives of Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) with the focus on 4 Es: Electricity for all, Efficiency to ensure affordable tariffs, Environment for a sustainable future, Ease of doing business to attract investments and ensure financial viability.

### **314. Cabinet approves policy on Promotion of City Compost**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for a Policy on Promotion of City Compost.

### **315. Memorandum of Understanding between Department of Space / Indian Space Research Organization and Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research on cooperation in the area of outer space**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Department of Space / Indian Space Research Organization (DOS/ISRO) and Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research (KISR) on cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.

### **316. Memorandum of Understanding between India and United Kingdom in the field of Public Administration and Governance Reforms**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in November, 2015 between India, and United Kingdom for Cooperation in Public Administration and Governance Reforms.

### **317. Swapping of Airports Authority of India land at Mumbai with land of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai for relocation of Cemetery**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for swapping of Airports Authority of India's (AAI) land out of land demised to M/s. Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Ltd. (MIAL) at CSIA measuring 2960.90 sqm. with equivalent land of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) for relocation of Cemetery.

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### **318. Signing of Memorandum of Understandings between Indian Computer Emergency Response Team with (i) CyberSecurity, Malaysia; (ii) Cyber Security Agency of the Republic of Singapore; and (iii) Japan Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Center on Cooperation in Cyber Security**

### **319. Cabinet approves raising of 17 Indian Reserve Battalions by J&K and LWE States**

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the raising of 17 India Reserve Battalions (IR Bns) by Jammu & Kashmir and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States. It includes five IR Bns in the state of J&K, four IR Bns in Chhattisgarh, three IR Bns in Jharkhand, three IR Bns in Odisha and two IR Bns in Maharashtra.

### **320. Revised cost estimate of Rs.969 crore in connection with the Afghan Parliament Building in Kabul**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today gave its ex-post facto approval for completion of the Afghan Parliament Building in Kabul by 31st December, 2015 at a revised project cost of Rs.969 crore.

### **321. Returning of additional land of Auto Testing Track of NATRIP Project in Pithampur, Indore, Madhya Pradesh**

### **322. Agreement between the India and Russia for cooperation on a coordinated grant competition for conducting basic and exploratory scientific research**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was apprised about signing of an agreement between India and Russia in May 2015. The Agreement provides for competitive research grants to Indian and Russian researchers for joint implementation of research projects in areas of Basic and Exploratory Sciences.

### **323. Increasing the Authorized Share Capital of the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today gave its approval for enhancement of. Authorized Share Capital of the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) working under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment from Rs. 1000 crore to Rs. 1200 crore.

## **03.02.2016**

### **324. Creation of a supernumerary post in the rank of Air Marshal in Indian Air Force for a period of seventeen months for abiding by the Orders of Hon'ble Armed Forces Tribunal (Principal Bench), New Delhi**

**325. Joint Declaration between India and Germany on the extension of the tenure of the Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) from 2017 till 2022**

**326. Cabinet approves formation of Joint Venture Companies with State Governments to mobilize resources for undertaking various rail infrastructure projects in the State**

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**327. Cabinet grants ‘in-principle’ approval to the LIGO-India mega science proposal**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ‘in principle’ approval to the LIGO-India mega science proposal for research on gravitational waves. The proposal, known as LIGO-India project (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory in India) is piloted by Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Science and Technology (DST). The approval coincides with the historic detection of gravitational waves a few days ago that opened up of a new window on the universe to unravel some of its greatest mysteries.

**328. Cabinet approves Agreement for collaborative activities in the area of Traditional Medicine between Ministry of AYUSH and the World Health Organization**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to the Agreement for collaborative activities to be signed in the area of Traditional Medicine between Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India and the World Health Organization, Geneva.

**329. Amendment to the Delimitation Act, 2002 and the Representation of the People Act, 1950 regarding delimitation of constituencies in West Bengal consequent upon exchange of the territories between India and Bangladesh.**

**330. Cabinet approves Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Proposal for Notification of Commitments under the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) of World Trade Organization (WTO), ratification and acceptance of the Instrument of Acceptance of Protocol of TFA to the WTO Secretariat and constitution of the National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF).

**331. Cabinet approves nomination of Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog as a part-time Member of the Telecom Commission**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for nomination of Chief Executive Officer, NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog as a part-time Member of the Telecom Commission in place of Secretary, Planning Commission which is Non-existent now.

**332. Memorandum of Understanding signed between India and Singapore on cooperation in the field of Urban Planning and Governance****333. Memoranda of Understanding signed with various countries for cooperation in the field of agriculture & allied sectors.****334. Signing of BRICS Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the fields of Science, Technology and Innovation**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today was apprised about signing of BRICS Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the fields of Science, Technology and innovation.

**02.03.2016**

335. Setting up of a Society, "36th International Geological Congress", for organizing 36th International Geological Congress in the year 2020 and promoting geoscience in Indian subcontinent.

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**336. No objection to the proposed change in shareholding in the Container Terminal Projects of M/s. Dubai Port World Limited in major Ports.**

**337. Signing and Ratification of the BIMSTEC Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters**

**338. Creation of the post of National Authority (Joint Secretary level) in the Ministry of Coal under the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for creation of a post of Nominated Authority (JS level) in Pay Band 4: Rs. 37,400-67,000 plus Grade Pay of Rs. 10,000 and other posts of officers and staff to assist the Nominated Authority in the Ministry of Coal. It will facilitate smooth functioning of the office of the National Authority under the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 so that the objectives of the Act are achieved.

**339. Approval for Proposal for Extension of the value date of the Existing Currency Swap facility of USD 1.1 billion availed by Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) and provision of a new special currency swap to Sri Lanka for USD**

**700 million.**

**340. Removal of the minimum capacity utilization criteria for SSP Manufacturing Units to be eligible for subsidy under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme.**

**341. Major Policy initiatives to give a boost to Petroleum and Hydrocarbon Sector**

In a major policy drive to give a boost to petroleum and hydrocarbon sector, the Government has unveiled a series of initiatives

**342. Approval for Amendment to the Sikh Gurudwaras Act, 1925**

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today considered the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding amendment in the Sikh Gurudwaras Act, 1925 to remove the exception given to Sahjdhari Sikhs in 1944 to vote in the elections to the members of the Board and the Committees constituted under the Sikh Gurudwaras Act, 1925, by amending the Act through the Parliament.

**343. Cabinet approves Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana - Scheme for Providing Free LPG connections to Women from BPL Households**

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**344. Transfer of 50 acre of land from Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar to the Government of Rajasthan for establishment of Veterinary University Training and Research Centre**

**345. Implementation of the rural housing scheme of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana — Gramin to achieve Housing for All by 2022.**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for the implementation of the rural housing scheme of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for construction of pucca house to all houseless and households living in dilapidated houses.

**346. Release of additional instalment of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to Pensioners due from 1.1.2016**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved release of an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to Pensioners w.e.f. 01.01.2016. This represents an increase of 6 percent over the existing rate of 119 percent of the Basic Pay/Pension, to compensate for price rise.

**347. India to accede to the Ashgabat Agreement**



The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for India to accede to the Ashgabat Agreement, an international transport and transit corridor facilitating transportation of goods between Central Asia and the Persian Gulf.

### **348. Procurement of launch services and realization of ground segment for GSAT-11 spacecraft**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for the procurement of launch services and realization of ground segment for GSAT-11 spacecraft at a cost of Rs. 1117 crore.

### **349. Hosting of Under-17 World Cup 2017 in India**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for the decisions with regard to holding of Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Under-17 World Cup to be held in India in 2017.

### **350. Extension of tenure of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis beyond 31.3.2016 for three years**

### **351. World class State-of-the-Art Exhibition-cum Convention Centre in Dwarka, New Delhi**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for transfer of land measuring 89.72 ha in Sector 25, Dwarka, New Delhi, free from all encumbrances, to the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion for creation of a World class State-of-the-Art Exhibition-cum Convention Centre in Dwarka, New Delhi at a nominal sum of Re 1/- within six weeks of the decision by the Cabinet. This is a special case so that directions can be granted to DDA under Section 21(1) of the DD Act, 1957 read alongwith Section 41(1) of the Act.

## **06.04.2016**

### **352. Implementation of One Rank One Pension**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval for implementation of One Rank One Pension (OROP).

### **353. Cabinet approves recommendations of 14th Finance Commission on fiscal deficit targets and additional fiscal deficit to States during 2015-20**

### **354. Promulgation of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Anatomy Regulation, 2016**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for promulgation of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Anatomy Regulation, 2016 with a view to lay down procedures for providing supply or availability of unclaimed of dead bodies to the Medical College for the purpose of studying the human anatomy in all systems of medicine.

### **355. Funding of exports to Iran from India through the Export Development Fund of Exim Bank**

### **356. Modification in the policy for liberalisation of administratively allotted Spectrum**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the modifications in the policy for liberalisation of administratively allotted spectrum where market determined prices were not available. This will facilitate optimal utilisation of spectrum by introducing new technologies, sharing and trading of spectrum.

### **357. National Hydrology Project**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to Implementation of the National Hydrology Project. It will be a central sector scheme with a total outlay of Rs. 3679.7674 crore. This includes Rs.3,640 crore for National Hydrology Project (NHP) and Rs. 39.7674 crore for National Water Informatics Centre (NWIC) to be taken up in two stages.

### **358. Revised Policy on crude oil import for oil PSUs**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to replace the existing policy on crude oil import by Oil PSUs and vest the oil PSUs with the power to evolve their own policies. This will provide a more efficient, flexible and dynamic policy for crude procurement, eventually benefiting the consumers.

**13.04.2016**

### **359. MoU between India and Bangladesh on cooperation in the field of Fisheries**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was apprised about the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Bangladesh in September, 2011 on bilateral cooperation in the field of Fisheries and aquaculture and allied activities.

### **360. South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for India adopting the Statute of the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) and India and becoming its formal member in order to strengthen ties with the member countries in controlling the trans-boundary wildlife crime through communication, coordination, collaboration, capacity building and cooperation in the region.

### **361. Memorandum of Understanding between India and United Arab Emirates on cooperation in preventing and combating of Human Trafficking**

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**20.04.2016**

### **362. Expansion of India - Chile Preferential Trade Agreement**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for expansion of India - Chile Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) between India and Chile.

**362. Transfer of 58.81 acres land of Farakka Barrage Project at Farakka to Border Security Force for establishment of 04-Battalion Head Quarters of BSF****363. Operationalisation of new Indian Institute of Science Education and Research at Tirupati**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for operationalisation of new Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh from the Academic Year of 2015-16 from a transit / temporary campus, at an estimated cost of Rs. 137.30 crore for the initial three years (2015-18).

**364. Cabinet approves signing the Paris Agreement**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today gave its approval for signing the Paris Agreement adopted at the 21st Conference of Parties held in Paris in December 2015.

**365. Memoranda of Understanding on Youth Exchange Programmes with foreign countries**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was today apprised of the Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) signed with Bahrain, Kuwait, Nepal, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and BRICS Nations on Organising Youth Exchange Programmes with these countries.

**366. Transfer of 21.93 acre of land belonging to the Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry to the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad for establishment of an Agriculture College at Rajahmundry.****367. Amendments in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today gave its approval to move official amendments in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015.

**04.05.2016****368. Leasing of 73 Sqm. of defence land at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai to M/s. BEST**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal for leasing of 73 sq. mtr. of defence land at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai to M/s. Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking (BEST) at a nominal rent of Rs.1/- per annum. The lease of the land will be initially for a period of 30 years and renewable for another two terms of 30 years each

**369. Flexibility in utilisation of domestic coal for reducing the cost of power generation**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for allowing flexibility in utilisation of domestic coal for reducing the cost of power generation.

**370. Memorandum of Cooperation to be signed between Ministry of Women & Child Development and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

**12.05.2016**

**371. Memorandum of Understanding between Securities and Exchange Board of India and Financial Services Regulatory Authority, Abu Dhabi for Mutual Co-operation and Technical Assistance**

**372. Inter-Governmental Agreement between India and Mauritius on cooperation in cooperatives and related fields**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing of an Inter-Governmental Agreement between India and Mauritius on cooperation in cooperatives and related fields.

**373. General Framework Agreement on Renewable Energy Cooperation**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was apprised of a General Framework Agreement (GFA) on Renewable Energy Cooperation between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE). The GFA was signed, in New Delhi on 11th February this year during the state visit of Crown Prince of UAE.

**374. Cabinet approves National Intellectual Property Rights Policy**

**“Creative India; Innovative India: रचनात्मक भारत; अभिनव भारत”**

The Union Cabinet yesterday approved the National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy that will lay the future roadmap for intellectual property in India. The Policy recognises the abundance of creative and innovative energies that flow in India, and the need to tap into and channelise these energies towards a better and brighter future for all.

**18.05.2016**

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**375. Joint issue between Department of Posts and United Nations Postal Administration on UN Women HeForShe postage stamp**

**376. Leasing out of AAI land measuring 1500 sqm. To M/s. M.P. Warehousing Logistics Corporation for establishing Centre for Perishable Cargo at Indore airport**

**377. Site for construction of National War Memorial and National War Museum**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was apprised of the decision taken by the Empowered Apex Steering Committee (EASC) that Princess Park Complex would be the suitable site for construction of the National War Museum.

### **25.05.2016**

#### **378. National Capital Goods Policy**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for National Capital Goods Policy. This is first ever policy for Capital Goods sector with a clear objective of increasing production of capital goods from Rs.2,30,000 crore in 2014-15 to Rs.7,50,000 crore in 2025 and raising direct and indirect employment from the current 8.4 million to 30 million.

#### **379. Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to the Amendments in the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950 to modify the list of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and Puducherry.**

#### **380. Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to the Amendment to The Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 for incorporation of six new IITs at Tirupati (AP), Palakkad (Kerala), Dharwar (Karnataka), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Goa, Jammu (J&K) and conversion of ISM, Dhanbad to an IIT under the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961**

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#### **381. Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to the MOU between India and Japan for promoting sustainable, stable and low-carbon thermal power development in India**

#### **382. Financial restructuring of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited for faster revival of Barauni Unit**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for financial restructuring of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Limited (HFCL).

#### **383. Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to the cadre review of Indian Postal Service (IPoS)**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today granted ex-post facto approval to the proposal for undertaking cadre review of the Indian Postal Service.

The cadre review will enable the Department of Posts to meet the functional requirements and strengthening the cadre structure both in the headquarters and in the field on the basis of functional requirement, which will provide more avenues to earn review and respond effectively to the customer needs, reduce the existing stagnation and improve the career prospects of Indian Postal Service officers.

#### **384. MoU between Indian Space Research Organisation and the United Arab Emirates Space Agency**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the United Arab Emirates Space Agency (UAESA) for cooperation in the exploration and user of outer space for peaceful purposes.

#### **385. Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to establishment of the National Institute of Technology, Andhra Pradesh**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today granted ex-post facto approval for establishment of NIT, Andhra Pradesh which has been registered as a Society under the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001 with effect from 20th August 2015.

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**01.06.2016**

**388. Cabinet approves the Proposal for Extension of Corridor-1 of Chennai Metro Rail Project Phase-I**

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval to the proposal for Chennai Metro Rail Phase-I Project from Washermanpet to Wimconagar. It covers a length of 9.051 km. at a total cost of Rs. 3770 crore.

**389. Cabinet approves MoU between USA and India to enhance cooperation in wildlife conservation**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between United States of America and India to enhance cooperation in the field of wildlife conservation and combating wildlife trafficking.

**390. Cabinet approves setting up of India Post Payments Bank**

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for setting up the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) as a Public Limited Company under the Department of Posts, with 100% Government of India (GOI) equity.

**15.06.2016**

**391. Cabinet approves enhancement of age of superannuation of Non-Teaching, Public Health Specialists and General Duty Medical Officers sub-cadre of Central Health Service to 65 years**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for enhancement of the age of superannuation of (i) Non-Teaching and Public Health Specialists of Central Health Service from 62 years to 65 years and (ii) Doctors of General Duty Medical Officers (GDMOs) sub-cadre of Central Health Service (CHS) to 65 years.

**392. Cabinet approves India's Membership of the International Continental Scientific Drilling Program**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for Indian membership of the International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (ICDP) consortium by signing an MoU with the Helmholtz Centre Potsdam GFZ German Research Centre for geosciences. This is a government-funded, Public Law Foundation of the State of Brandenburg, Germany.

**393.Cabinet approves signing of Air Services Agreement between India and Taiwan**

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the signing of Air Services Agreement between India-Taipei Association in Taipei (India's representative office in Taiwan) and Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India (Taiwan's representative office in India).

**394. Cabinet appraisal of MoU between ISRO and Canadian Space Agency (CSA) on cooperation in the field of outer space**

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding between Department of Space / Indian Space Research Organization (DOS/ISRO) and Canadian Space Agency (CSA) on cooperation in the field of outer space. The MoU was signed in Ottawa, Canada on 15th April 2015.

**395.Cabinet approves Civil Aviation Policy**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for the Civil Aviation Policy. This is the first time since Independence that an integrated Civil Aviation Policy has been brought out by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

**22.06.2016****396.Establishment of Fund of Funds for funding support to Start-ups**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the establishment of "Fund of Funds for Startups" (FFS) at Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for contribution to various Alternative Investment Funds (AIF), registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) which would extend funding support to Startups. This is in line with the Start up India Action Plan unveiled by Government in January 2016.

**397. Cabinet approves Protocol amending the Agreement for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with Belgium****398.Withdrawal of the Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill, 2013**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has decided to withdraw the Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill, 2013, which had been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 29.08.2013. The Bill had been examined by the Standing Committee of Parliament which had made a number of recommendations for changing the provisions of the Bill.

**399.Cabinet approves special package for employment generation and promotion of exports in Textile and Apparel sector**

The move comes in the backdrop of the package of reforms announced by the Government for generation of one crore jobs in the textile and apparel industry over next 3 years. The package includes a slew of measures which are labour friendly and would promote employment generation, economies of scale and boost exports. The steps will lead to a cumulative increase of US\$ 30 bn. in exports and investment of Rs. 74,000 crores over next 3 years.

**29.06. 2016****400. Cabinet approves National Mineral Exploration Policy**

The NMEP primarily aims at accelerating the exploration activity in the country through enhanced participation of the private sector. There is a need for comprehensive mineral exploration of the country to uncover its full mineral potential so as to put the nation's mineral resources (non-fuel and non-coal) to best use and thereby maximize sectoral contribution to the Indian economy.



**401.Cabinet approves Revised Cost Estimates for establishment of Eight New IITs**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Revised Cost Estimates for establishment of eight New IITs at Bhubaneswar, Gandhinagar, Hyderabad, Indore, Jodhpur, Mandi, Patna and Ropar. The revised Cost Estimate is Rs. 13,990 crore for establishment of eight new IITs over a period of 11 years from 2008-09 to 2018-19. The original project cost was Rs. 6080 crore. The increase in expenditure due to escalation in both time and cost overrun is Rs. 7910 crore.

**402.Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding between Union Public Service Commission and Royal Civil Service Commission, Bhutan**

The MoU will strengthen the existing relationship between RCSC and UPSC. It will facilitate sharing of experience and expertise of both the parties in the area of recruitment.

**403.Cabinet approves Cadre Review of Group 'A' Officers of Central Reserve Police Force**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Cadre Review of Group 'A' Executive officers of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) with net creation of 90 posts of various ranks from Deputy Commandant to Special DG ranks. After creation of these posts in CRPF, the operational efficiency and capacity building of the Force including its administrative capabilities would be enhanced.

**404.Cabinet approves Implementation of the recommendations of 7th Central Pay Commission.**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the implementation of the recommendations of 7<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission (CPC) on pay and pensionary benefits. It will come into effect from 01.01.2016.

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**405.Cabinet approves setting up a Major port at Enayam near Colachel in Tamil Nadu**

A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will be formed for development of this Port with initial equity investment from the three Major Ports in Tamil Nadu i.e. V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust, Chennai Port Trust, and Kamarajar Port Limited. The SPV will develop the port infrastructure including dredging and reclamation, construction of breakwater, ensuring connectivity links etc.

**406.Cabinet approves the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved a National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme. The Scheme has an outlay of Rs. 10,000 crore with a target of 50 lakh apprentices to be trained by 2019-20.

**407. Cabinet approves creation of one post of Chief Works Manager in the Mechanical Department on Eastern Railway**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the creation of one revenue charged Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) post of Chief Works Manager (CWM) in the Mechanical Department of Diesel Component Factory, Dankuni on Eastern Railway.

**408. Cabinet approves import of pulses through long-term contract with Mozambique**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved a long-term contract by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mozambique for import of pulses either through the private channels or Government-to-Government (G2G) sales through State Agencies nominated by the two countries.

**409. Cabinet approves the High Courts (Alteration of Names) Bill, 2016 for enabling changing the names of High Courts of Bombay and Madras**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to introduce 'The High Courts (Alteration of Names) Bill, 2016' in Parliament.

The High Courts (Alteration of Names) Bill, 2016 will facilitate the changing of the names of 'Bombay High Court as Mumbai High Court' and 'Madras High Court as Chennai High Court' respectively.

**410. Cabinet approves Revision of pension of BSNL Pensioners Removing Anomalies**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the revision of pension of BSNL pensioners and family pensioners, who retired prior to 10.06.2013 by allowing the benefit of merger of 50% DA/DR with Basic Pay/ Pension, effectively amounting to 78.2% DA/DR for the purpose of fitment, and (ii) Modifying the liability of BSNL towards the payment of pensionary benefits to the retired employees.

**411. Joint issue of postage stamp between Department of Posts and Portugal Post**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was apprised of a joint issue of postage stamps between Department of Posts and Portugal Post.

**412. Union Council of Ministers expanded with 19 new Ministers of State Shri Prakash Javadekar elevated to Cabinet rank**

**15 new Ministers have past legislative experience; 10 served in central and state governments**

**413. Interest subvention to Public Sector Banks, Private Sector Banks, Cooperative Banks, Regional Rural Banks and NABARD for providing short term crop loan to farmers****13.07.2016****414. Cabinet approves Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 60 lakh youth to be trained afresh**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) with an outlay of Rs.12000 crore to impart skilling to one crore people over the next four years (2016-2020). PMKVY will impart fresh training to 60 lakh youths and certify skills of 40 lakh persons acquired non-formally under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). The target allocation between fresh trainings and RPL will be flexible and interchangeable depending on functional and operational requirements.

#### **415. Cabinet approves the Revised Cost Estimate of Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project in Bhutan**

#### **416. Cabinet approves the facilities being extended to persons residing in India on Long Term Visa**

#### **417. Cabinet approves Official amendment to the Bill for change of name from “Rajendra Central Agricultural University” to “Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University”**

#### **418. Cabinet approves revival of defunct Fertilizer Units in Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the revival of defunct Fertilizer Units in Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni. These include two closed urea units of Fertilizer Corporation India Limited (FCIL) at Sindri (Jharkhand) and Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh) and Barauni (Bihar) unit of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Limited (HFCL).

#### **20.07.2016**

#### **419. Government gives a push to port-led development**

#### **Cabinet approves incorporation of Sagarmala Development Company**

#### **420. Cabinet approves the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2016**

**The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2016.**

#### **421. Cabinet approves signing of Air Services Agreement between India and Mozambique**

Presently there is no Air Services Agreement between India and Mozambique. To promote the air connectivity between the two countries, the two sides initiated the process of consultation in 2011 to finalize the text of Air Services Agreement.

#### **422. Cabinet approves establishment of new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences at Gorakhpur**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for establishment of new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

The cost of the project for establishment of the new AIIMS in Gorakhpur shall be Rs. 1011 crore.

#### **423. Cabinet approves amendment in the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) amendment Bill, 2015**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for introducing amendments to the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) (Amendment) Bill, 2015 in Parliament.

### **27.07.2016**

#### **424. Cabinet approves Amendment in the Central Agricultural University Act, 1992**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the amendment in relevant clauses of the Central Agricultural University Act (CAU), 1992 to include State of Nagaland under the jurisdiction of CAU, Imphal.

#### **425. Cabinet approves setting up of new AIIMS in Bhatinda**

The institution shall have a hospital with capacity of 750 beds which will include Emergency/Trauma Beds, AYUSH Beds, Private Beds and ICU Speciality & Super Speciality beds. In addition, there will be an Administration Block, AYUSH Block, Auditorium, Night Shelter, Hostels and residential facilities.

#### **426. Cabinet approves abolition of Separate Guidelines for establishing Joint Venture Companies by Defence PSUs**

#### **427. Cabinet increases the limit for foreign investment in Stock Exchanges from 5% to 15%**

#### **428. Cabinet approves rescinding the decision of the Government to set up the Concurrent Evaluation Office in Ministry of Rural Development**

### **03.08.2016**

#### **429. Cabinet approves amendments in the Central List of Other Backward Classes applicable to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for making suitable amendments in the Central List of OBCs by way of inclusion/correction/deletion of castes/communities applicable to the State of Andhra Pradesh and the newly formed State of Telangana as per the advice received from the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).

#### **430. Cabinet approves recommendations of the Sub-Group of Chief Ministers on Rationalisation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has accepted the major recommendations of the Sub-Group of Chief Ministers on Rationalization of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs). The Sub-Group had examined 66 CSSs and recommended that the number of CSSs should not normally exceed 30. A consensus was reached on many contentious issues not only between the States represented on the Sub- Group but other States/UTs also through regional consultations and meetings with Union Ministries/Departments.

#### **431. Cabinet approves signing of Air Services Agreement between India and Lao**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing of new Air Services Agreement (ASA) between India and Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR).

**432. Cabinet approves Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill 2016 Historical Step towards making roads safe and save lakhs of innocent lives**

**433. Cabinet approves the terms and conditions for transfer of 12 acres of land of Indu-6 Mill land vested in National Textile Corporation Ltd. to Government of Maharashtra for construction of a memorial of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**

**434. Cabinet approves Spectrum Usage Charge for the spectrum in various bands held by various operators or to be acquired by them in forthcoming auction**

**10.08.2016**

**435. Cabinet approves foreign investment in other Financial Services sector**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to amend regulation for foreign investment in the Non- Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs).

**436. Cabinet approves introduction of Pension and Post-Retirement Medical Schemes as part of superannuation benefits for Employees of Food Corporation of India**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for introduction of Pension and Post-Retirement Medical Schemes as part of superannuation benefits for Employees of Food Corporation of India (FCI) as per guidelines of Department of Public Enterprises (DPE).

**437. Cabinet approves transfer of 13111.55 square meters of land belonging to Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation Research Centre at Chandigarh to Haryana Urban Development Authority**

**438. The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2016**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval for amendment of Section 64 and section 65 and consequential amendment of section 115 of the Factories Act, 1948 by introducing the Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2016 in the Parliament.

**439. The Lokpal and Lokayuktas (Amendment) Bill, 2016**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval for amendments to Section 44 and consequential amendments of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 by introducing the Lokpal and Lokayuktas (Amendment) Bill, 2016 in the Parliament.

**440. Amendments to the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval for amendments to the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 by introducing the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2016 in Parliament.

The maternity benefit Act 1961 protects the employment of women during the time of her maternity and entitles her of a

'maternity benefit' - i.e. full paid absence from work - to take care for her child. The act is applicable to all establishments employing 10 or more persons. The amendments will help 1.8 million (approx.) women workforce in organised sector.

### **24.08.2016**

#### **441. Cabinet approves Cadre Review of Indian Information Service**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the cadre restructuring of the Indian Information Service (IIS) Group 'A'.

The restructuring will involve addition of two posts at Apex level, five at Higher Administrative Grade and 19 posts at Senior Administrative Grade level with matching reduction at other levels.

#### **442. Cabinet approves introduction of the "Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016"**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for introduction of the "Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016".

The Bill will regulate surrogacy in India by establishing National Surrogacy Board at the central level and State Surrogacy Boards and Appropriate Authorities in the State and Union Territories. The legislation will ensure effective regulation of surrogacy, prohibit commercial surrogacy and allow ethical surrogacy to the needy infertile couples.

#### **443. Cabinet approves Leasing out of Airports Authority of India land to Assam Industrial Development Corporation for Centre for Perishable Cargo at Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati.**

#### **444. Cabinet approves Central Scheme for Assistance to Civilian Victims of Terrorist / Communal / Left Wing Extremist Violence and Cross Border Firing and Mine/IED Blasts on Indian Territory**

### **31.08.2016**

#### **445. Cabinet apprised of MoU between CERT-In India and CERT-UK**

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on 20th May, 2016 between Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and Ministry of Cabinet Office, UK (as represented by CERT-UK, a unit of the Cabinet Office on Cyber Security).

#### **446. Cabinet approves dissolution of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to proposal for dissolution of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited (CIWTC). The Voluntary Retirement Scheme for CIWTC was implemented in the year 2015 as per decision of 'the Cabinet on 24.12.2014.

#### **447. Cabinet approves simplification and liberalisation of the Foreign Direct Investment Policy, 2016 in various sectors**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post-facto approval for the FDI policy amendments announced by the Government on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. The FDI policy amendments are meant to liberalise and simplify the FDI policy so as to provide ease of doing business in the country leading to larger FDI inflows contributing to growth of investment, incomes and employment.



**12.09.2016****448. Cabinet approves creation of GST Council and its Secretariat**

The Cabinet also decided to provide for adequate funds for meeting the recurring and non-recurring expenses of the GST Council Secretariat, the entire cost for which shall be borne by the Central Government. The GST Council Secretariat shall be manned by officers taken on deputation from both the Central and State Governments.

**449. Cabinet approves establishment of Higher Education Financing Agency for creating capital assets in higher educational institutions.**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the creation of the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) to give a major push for creation of high quality infrastructure in premier educational institutions.

**450. Cabinet approves Exchange of Tariff concessions under the Fourth Round of Negotiations APTA**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the exchange of tariff concessions, on Margin of Preference basis, under the Fourth Round of Negotiations under the Asia Pacific Trade Agreement and related amendments.

**451. Cabinet approves Bilateral Technical Arrangement between India and Switzerland on the identification and return of Swiss and Indian Nationals**

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing of the Technical Arrangement between India and Switzerland on the identification and return of Swiss and Indian Nationals and its implementation.

**452. Cabinet approves Cadre Review of Group 'A' Executive Officers of Border Security Force****453. Cabinet approves signing of the Extradition Treaty between India and Afghanistan****21.09.2016****454. Cabinet approves extension of the validity of Central Orders dated 28.09.2015 in respect of edible oils and edible oilseeds and Central Order No. S.O. No. 2857(E) dated 18.10.2015 in respect of pulses from 01.10.2016 to 30.09.2017****455. Cabinet approves raising Extra Budgetary Resources to augment infrastructure spending**

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for raising a total of Rs. 31,300 crore in the financial year 2016-17 and to service the principal and interest against the Extra Budgetary Resources (EBR) of Rs. 16,300 crore by Government of India to augment infrastructure spending.

**456. Cabinet approves USOF support to BSNL for Rural Wire-line connections installed prior to 1.4.2002****457. Cabinet approves merger of rail budget with general budget; advancement of budget presentation and merger of plan and non-plan classification**

Cabinet has approved the proposals of Ministry of Finance on certain landmark budgetary reforms relating to (i) the merger of Railway budget with the General budget, (ii) the advancement of the date of Budget presentation from the last day of February and (iii) the merger of the Plan and the Non-Plan classification in the Budget and Accounts. All these changes will be put into effect simultaneously from the Budget 2017-18.ion in budget and accounts

**458. Cabinet approves the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016****459. Cabinet approves provision of submarine optical fibre cable connectivity between mainland (Chennai) and Andaman & Nicobar Islands Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to enhancement of Pension for Freedom Fighters****460. Cabinet approves enactment of Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Bill 2016 and to repeal five archaic admiralty statutes****28.09.2016****461. Cabinet approves ratification of the Paris Agreement**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to ratify the Paris Agreement (on Climate Change) on 2nd October 2016, the day of Gandhi Jayanti.

**462. Cabinet approves India - Singapore MoU to give a boost to Innovation, Creativity and Technological Advancement****463. Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to Varistha Pension Bima Yojana, 2003 and Varistha Pension Bima Yojana, 2014****464. Cabinet approves an Undertaking between India and Korea on Mutual Recognition of Certificates for Seafarers, 1978****465. Cabinet approves Closure of Hindustan Cables Limited, Kolkata****466. Cabinet approves Productivity Linked Bonus to railway employees**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to pay Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) equivalent to 78 days wages to eligible non-gazetted railway employees (excluding RPF/RPSF personnel) for the financial year 2015-16. The approval entails a financial implication of approximately Rs.2090.96 crore.

**05.10.2016****467. Cabinet approves Memorandum of Understanding with the African Asian Rural Development Organization in the field of rural development Cabinet approves MoU between India and European Union on water cooperation****468. Cabinet approves transfer of two acres of Indian Agricultural Institute land to Veterinary Council of India****469. Cabinet accords permission to Ms/. HLL Lifecare Ltd., to sub-lease 330.10 acres of Government land at Chengalpattu, Kanchipuram District (Tamil Nadu) leased to it in 2009 for setting up Medipark**

**470. Cabinet approves amendments to the HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Bill 2014**

The HIV and AIDS Bill, 2014 has been drafted to safeguard the rights of people living with HIV and affected by HIV. The provisions of the Bill seek to address HIV-related discrimination, strengthen the existing programme by bringing in legal accountability and establish formal mechanisms for inquiring into complaints and redressing grievances. rol) Bill, 2014

**13.10.2016****471. Cabinet approves MoU between Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) on General Cooperation with the New Development Bank (NDB), along with other Development Financial Institutions of BRICS nations (13-October 2016)****472. Cabinet approves establishment of an Indian Institute of Management at Jammu (13-October 2016)**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the establishment and operationalisation of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at Jammu in a transit/temporary campus at Old Government College of Engineering & Technology from the Academic Year 2016-17.

**473. Cabinet apprised of the MoU between India and Qatar on cooperation in the field of Youth and Sports (13-October 2016)****474. Cabinet approves redevelopment of residential colonies at West Ansari Nagar and Ayur Vigyan Nagar Campuses of AllMS, New Delhi (13-October 2016)****475. Cabinet approves MoU between India and Hungary on cooperation in the field of water management (13-October 2016)****476. Cabinet approves MoU between India and the Russian Federation on Expansion of Bilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation (13-October 2016)****27.10.2016****477. Cabinet approves release of an instalment of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to Pensioners due from 01.07.2016**

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to release an instalment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to Pensioners w.e.f. 01.07.2016 representing an increase of 2% of the revised Basic Pay/Pension, to compensate for price rise. The increase is in accordance with the accepted formula, which is based on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission.

**478. Cabinet approves New Productivity Linked Reward Scheme for all Major Port Trusts and Dock Labour Board employees/workers for the years 2015-16 to 2017-18****479. Cabinet approves Agreement between India and Estonia on the transfer of sentenced persons****480. Establishment and operationalization of new Indian Institute of Science Education and Research at Berhampur, Odisha****481. Cabinet approves establishment of National Academic Depository**

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has accorded its approval for establishment and operationalisation of a National Academic Depository (NAD). The decision aims at bringing another dimension and enhancement of the vision of Digital India.

**482. Extension of the validity of Central Order regarding de-hoarding of sugar upto April, 2017**

**483. Cabinet approves Cadre Review of Indian Posts & Telecommunications Accounts and Finance Service Group “A”**

**484. Cabinet approves Budgetary support to HMT Ltd for payment of outstanding salary, introduction of VRS/VSS and closure of operations of Tractor Division**

**485. Cabinet approves exchanging of land between Airports Authority of India and Government of Odisha for widening of road at Biju Patnaik Airport, Bhubaneswar**

**486. Cabinet approves the new Agreement on Trade, Commerce and Transit between India and Bhutan**

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### **15.11.2016**

**487. Cabinet approves Status-cum-Progress Report and constitution of “Special Committee for Inter-Linking of Rivers” in compliance of judgment of Supreme Court**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to the Status-cum-Progress Report and constitution of “Special Committee for Inter-Linking of Rivers” in compliance of Supreme Court judgment dated 27.2.2012 in the matter of Writ Petition (Civil) 512 of 2002: Networking of Rivers along with Writ Petition No. 668 of 2002.

**488. Cabinet approves introduction of the revamped Merchant Shipping Bill 2016 in the Parliament and simultaneous repealing of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 and the Coasting Vessels Act, 1838**

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### **23.11.2016**

**489. Cabinet approves re-routing of State Highway passing through Naval Land at Kakinada**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for diversion of State Highway-149 passing through Naval Land at Kakinada.

**490. Cabinet approves the third Protocol to the Convention between India and New Zealand for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.**

**491. Cabinet approves MoU among New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization, Japan and Ministries of Finance, Health & Family Welfare and AIIMS concerning the Demonstration Project for ICT based Green Hospital at AIIMS in Delhi**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) among New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), Japan and Ministries of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs), Health & Family Welfare and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) concerning the Demonstration Project for ICT based Green Hospital at AIIMS in Delhi.

**492. Cabinet approves setting up of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in 62 uncovered districts of the country**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved opening of one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) in each of the 62 uncovered districts with an outlay of Rs.2,871 crore.

### **30.11.2016**

**493. Cabinet approves Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP)- Phase III**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Mumbai Urban Transport Project Phase-III.

The estimated cost of project is Rs.8,679 crore with completion cost of Rs.10,947 crore. The project is expected to be completed in the next 5 years during 13th Plan period.

**494.Cabinet approves closure of Kota Unit of Instrumentation Limited and Transfer of its Palakkad Unit to Government of Kerala.**

**495. Cabinet approves the negotiating position adopted by the Government at the Meeting of Parties to the Montreal Protocol of the Vienna Convention for Protection of Ozone Layer held at Kigali, Rwanda**

**496. Cabinet approves liberalization, simplification and rationalization of Visa regime in India**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for liberalization, simplification and rationalization of the existing visa regime in India, and incremental changes in the visa policy decided by the Ministry of Home Affairs in consultation with various stakeholders and with approval of the Home Minister.

**497. Cabinet approves Rehabilitation Package for Displaced Families from Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir and Chhamb under the Prime Minister's Development Package for Jammu & Kashmir, 2015**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved Central Assistance of Rs. 2000 crore for 36,384 displaced families from Pakistan occupied areas of Jammu & Kashmir (POJK) and Chhamb following an announcement of Prime Minister's Development Package for Jammu & Kashmir-2015 in November, 2015

**498. Cabinet approves inclusion/Amendments in the Central List of Other Backward Classes notified in respect of States of Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand.**

**07.12.2016**

**499.Cabinet approves Reforms to Boost Employment Generation and Exports in the Made-ups Sector**

**500. Expansion of the mandate of Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Project Implementation Trust Fund and its re-designation as National Industrial Corridor Development & Implementation Trust for integrated development of Industrial Corridors**

**501. Cabinet approves the proposal of Election Commission for procurement of Control Units and Ballot Units during 2017-18 and 2018-19**

**502. Cabinet approves Pune Metro Rail Project Phase – 1**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the development of Pune Metro Rail Project Phase – 1. The Pune Metro Rail Corridor will be covering a length of 31.254 km comprising with two corridors i.e. Corridor-1 {Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) to Swargate} covering length of 16.589 km (11.57 km elevated and 5.019 km underground) and Corridor-2 (Vanaz to Ramwadi) covering 14.665 km (fully elevated).

**14.12.2016**

**503. Cabinet approves signing of revised Air Services Agreement between India and Nigeria****504. Cabinet approves replacement of 'Major Port Trusts Act, 1963' with 'the Major Port Trust Authorities Bill, 2016'****505. Cabinet approves India's approach to Climate Change Negotiations at the Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval to India's approach to Climate Change Negotiations at the Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), held in Marrakesh, Morocco during November 7-18, 2016.

**506. Cabinet approves Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and United States Geological Survey (USGS) for cooperation in the Exchange and use of U.S. Land Remote Sensing Satellite Data****507. Cabinet approves protocol amending the agreement between India and Tajikistan for avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income**

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**21.12.2016****508. Cabinet approves creation of 'Indian Enterprise Development Service (IEDS)' in the Office of Development Commissioner (MSME) under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises****509. Cabinet approves Cadre Review of Indian Telecommunications Service, Group 'A'****510. Cabinet approves sale of part of surplus and vacant land for meeting the liabilities of Hindustan Anti-biotics Ltd****511. Cabinet approves International Solar Alliance (ISA): Signing of the Framework Agreement**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval to the proposal of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) for ratification of ISA's Framework Agreement by India. ISA was launched jointly by the Prime Minister of India and the President of France on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at Paris on the side-lines of the 21<sup>st</sup> CoP meeting of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

**512. Cabinet approves need-based sale of surplus land of four Pharmaceutical PSUs****28.12.2016****513. Cabinet approves Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely "Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Affected Areas" to improve the rural road connectivity in the worst LWE affected districts from security angle.

**514. Cabinet approves doubling of Rajpura-Bhatinda railway line**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for doubling of Rajpura-Bhatinda railway line at an estimated cost of Rs.1,251.25 crore and expected completion cost of Rs.1,465.59 crore.

**515. Cabinet approves Nutrient Based Subsidy rates for Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers for the year 2016-17**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal of half yearly review of Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers for the year 2016-17.

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