

Decisions taken by the Union Cabinet

- **Cabinet approves MoU between India and Germany on Cooperation in the field of Occupational Safety and Health**

The Union cabinet chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Germany on Cooperation in the field of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH). The MoU was renewed on 13th November 2018.

Benefits: The collaboration till date has immensely helped in adopting the modern training techniques and tolls on various aspects of Occupational Safety and Health in different sectors of economic activity. Under the MoU, German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV) through the International Social Security Association (ISSA) is bringing in knowhow to meet the OSH challenges, especially in the construction and manufacturing sector. Also, it will benefit the large work force by improving their safety and health, and preventing occupational injuries and diseases. The cooperation is expected to result in capacity building of Directorate General Factory Advice Service and Labour Institutes (DGFASLI), the technical arm and attached office of Ministry of Labour, India & Chief Inspector of Factories Officers (CIFs) in the field of OSH, Strengthening of Inspection system for meeting emerging challenges, upgradation of laboratories for carrying out applied research in the area of OSH, Development of OSH Standards and development in Safety Culture for enhancing the well-being of the Indian workforce.

- **Cabinet approves proposal of AAI for surrendering encroached AAI's land measuring 106.76 acres at Bhopal Airport – to Madhya Pradesh Government**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved proposal of Airports Authority of India (AAI) for surrendering encroached AAI's land measuring 106.76 acres situated at Gandhi Nagar, Bhopal to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh (M.P). It is in lieu of 96.56 acres of land already handed over by the Government of M.P. The remaining 10.20 acres (approx.) of land will be handed over by the Government of M.P. to A.A.I.

Benefits: In lieu of AAI's 106.76 acres encroached land, the Government of M.P. has agreed to provide land measuring 96.56 acres approx. which is contiguous to the existing land of Bhopal Airport and can be utilized by AAI for aviation purposes. This will help in freeing up AAI's land measuring 106.76 acres which is already being utilized by the State Government of M.P. for various purposes i.e. establishment of Government Offices, public amenities services, and for rehabilitation of migrated Sindhi families. In lieu of this land, as of now, the State Government has agreed to provide 96.56 acres of land, contiguous to Bhopal Airport, to AAI, for aviation purposes. Further, the land offered by State Government in lieu of this land can be judicially utilized by the AAI for aviation-related activities. Hence, the approval will benefit people at large.

- **Cabinet approves MoU between India and UK on Cancer Research Initiative**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and U.K. on Cancer Research Initiative. The MoU was signed on 14th November 2018.

Details: The India-UK Cancer Research Initiative will identify a core set of research challenges that address issues of affordability, prevention and care of cancer by bringing together leading Indian and UK experts across clinical research, demographic research, new technologies and physical sciences. The initiative will provide funding to develop new research alliances and undertake impactful research to enable significant progress against cancer outcomes.

Funding pattern: Over 5 years, the total research funding for the Initiative shall be £10 million (approx.

Rs. 90 crores). CRUK's share for such funding shall be £5 million (approx. Rs. 45 crores). DBT shall match such funding by £5 million (approx. Rs.45 crores). The matching funds will be as per prevailing rates at the beginning of financial year.

Impact: Despite the surge in technological, biomedical, clinical, and pharmaceutical innovations aimed at improving cancer outcomes, the overburdened healthcare systems across the globe remain ill equipped to meet the massive burden of escalating cancer care costs. The India-UK Cancer Research Initiative sets forth a roadmap for catalysing collaborations that align the best researchers, scientists, healthcare organizations and institutions to a multi-disciplinary research platform leading to high value, low cost outcomes for cancer care. Through this initiative the number of positions for doctoral-level, post-doctoral level researchers and early career scientists are expected to grow. They will not only be trained in cutting technology but will also be trained in essential leadership and project management skills which would help them in securing tenure-track research positions in academia or in related bio-pharma industry.

- **Cabinet approves Strategy for Transformative Mobility and Battery Storage**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the following proposals:

- Setting up of a National Mission on Transformative Mobility and Battery Storage, to drive clean, connected, shared, sustainable and holistic mobility initiatives; and
- Creation of Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP) valid for 5 years till 2024 to support setting up of a few large-scale, export-competitive integrated batteries and cell-manufacturing Giga plants in India. The scheme will be finalised by the National Mission on Transformative Mobility and Battery Storage, and all necessary approvals will be taken.
- Creation of a PMP valid for 5 years till 2024 to localize production across the entire Electric Vehicles value chain. The scheme will be finalized by the National Mission on Transformative Mobility and Battery Storage, and all necessary approvals will be taken.

Benefits: The decisions will help in better coordination among Ministries, Departments and Governments

in ushering a transformative multi-modal mobility paradigm, and will facilitate setting up of few Giga-scale integrated cell and battery manufacturing facilities in India. The programme will provide a plan which will send clear signal to the industry to make the necessary investments in capacity to localize the value chain. The Mission aims to bring technology-driven sustainable and holistic mobility solutions within the reach of common man by scaling up the manufacture of these vehicles. Promoting transformative mobility is a highly innovative programme since it involves development in high technology areas and involves research and development with rational and international institutions.

- **Cabinet approves Scheme to Rebate State and Central Embedded Taxes to Support the Textile Sector**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Scheme to Rebate State and Central Embedded Taxes to Support the Textile Sector. This will enable the Government to take various measures for making exports of apparel and made-ups zero rated.

Benefits: The proposed measures are expected to make the textile sector competitive. Rebate of all Embedded State and Central taxes/levies for apparel and made-ups segments would make exports zero-rated, thereby boosting India's competitiveness in export markets and ensure equitable and inclusive growth of textile and apparel sector.

- **Cabinet approves Continuation of Atal Innovation Mission**

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved Continuation of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), and for incurring expenditure up to Rs. 1000 crore till 2019-20 by Atal Innovation Mission for expanding Atal Tinkering Labs to 10,000 schools in view of their huge success at school level.

Details

- AIM has multiple programs to encourage and support innovation in the country.
- State of the art Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) are being established in thousands of schools, world

class Atal Incubation Centres (AIC) and Atal Community Innovation Centers (ACIC) are being established for universities and industry,

- Promotion of product development in areas of national relevance and social importance is being supported through Atal New India Challenges (ANICs).

Financial implications:

- Each ATL receives a grant in aid of Rs. 12 lakhs in the first year, and upto 2 lakhs per year for subsequent 4 years, for maintenance of the ATL equipment and operational expenses.
- Each selected AIC would be receiving grant in aid upto Rs 10 crore over 3-5 years in tranches per year, based on review and evidence of planned milestones reached.
- Innovators will receive commercialization and technology deployment grants upto Rs. 1 crore under the ANICs.

Impact:

- The Mission has undertaken many bold and forward-looking initiatives such as Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) and Atal Incubation Centres (AIC), which have received great traction;
- Many Ministries/Departments of Government of India have initiated innovation related activities with the help and technical support of AIM.
- Under the ATL program, more than 10,000 schools are expected to establish these labs by 2020.

- **Cabinet approves proposal to Constitute Committee to recommend the process for conferring / recognizing ownership or transfer / mortgage right to the residents of Unauthorized Colonies in Delhi**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal for Constitution of a Committee to recommend the process for conferring / recognizing ownership or transfer / mortgage rights to the residents of Unauthorized Colonies (UCs) in Delhi. The Committee will be chaired by the Lt. Governor of Delhi with the following Members:

- Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority (DDA);

- Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs(MoHUA), Govt. of India;
- Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi;
- Commissioners of East, North and South Municipal Corporations of Delhi;
- Chairman, Delhi Urban Arts Commission;
- Professor, Urban Transport, School of Planning & Architecture (SPA), Delhi
- Urban Planner & Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs;
- Former Director, Delhi Fire Services; and
- Principal Commissioner, DDA as Member Secretary.
- The Committee constituted will submit its report in 90 days to the MoHUA. On submission of this report by the Committee, Cabinet Secretariat will be informed and further action taken after considering recommendations of the Committee.

Benefits: The recommendations of the Committee will provide a way forward for conferring ownership or transfer / mortgage rights to the people living in UCs in Delhi. This is for the first time that the conferment of the above rights to the residents of UCs in Delhi is being considered.

- **Cabinet approves Amendment to the Article 3 of the Agreement between India and Bhutan regarding MHEP in order to extend the loan repayment tenure by two years**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved Amendment to the Article 3 of the Agreement between India and Bhutan regarding Mandechhu Hydro Electric Project (MHEP) in order to extend the loan repayment tenure by two years extended by India to Bhutan, for implementation of the said Project in Bhutan from fifteen (15) to seventeen (17) years.

Benefits: The proposal aims to secure:

- The First Year Tariff for import of power from the 720 MW MHEP in Bhutan at Indian Rupees 4.12 per unit.
- Certainty of supply of surplus power to India by Bhutan from MHEP.
- Strengthening India-Bhutan economic relations and inter-linkages especially in the field of hydro-

power co-operation and overall deepening of India-Bhutan relations.

- **Cabinet approves agreement between India and Belarus on MLAT in Civil and Commercial Matters**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the agreement between Republic of India and the Republic of Belarus on Mutual Legal Assistance (MLAT) in Civil and Commercial Matters.

The Agreement after having come into force will promote Mutual Legal Assistance between the Contracting Parties in Civil and Commercial Matters.

The proposal aims to benefit the citizens of the respective Parties seeking Legal Assistance in Civil and Commercial Matters in the requested Party irrespective of any gender, class or income bias.

- **Cabinet approves Delhi Metro's Phase -4 project**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved Delhi Metro's Phase -4 project comprising of 3 - priority corridors. The total length of these 3 corridors is 61.679 km. Out of the total 61.679 km, 22.359 km will be built underground and 39.320 km will be constructed as elevated section. These corridors will consist of 46 stations, of which 17 stations will be underground and the rest 29 stations will be constructed as elevated sections.

The total completion cost of three metro corridors will be Rs.24,948.65 crore. The project will be implemented by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC), the existing 50:50 Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of the Government of India and Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD).

Impact: These corridors of phase - 4 project will expand the coverage of Metro network thereby connecting more areas of the national capital. On completion of these corridors, the Metro commuters will have more interchange stations which will connect the new corridors with the existing lines of Delhi Metro. The improved connectivity will offer commuters more options of travel by optimization of routes.

The addition of 61.679 km network through these 3 new corridors will also reduce congestion on the roads and will thus help in reducing pollution caused by motor vehicles. The Tughlakabad - Aerocity corridor will further improve connectivity to the Airport. The total network length of the Delhi Metro will cross the 400 kilometre mark after the completion of these corridors.

- **Cabinet approves Ex-post facto approval of the MoU signed in 2008 and renewed in 2014 between the ICAI and ICAEW; Cabinet also approves the Renewal of the MoU between ICAI & ICAEW**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved Ex-post facto approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in 2008 and renewed in 2014 between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW). The Cabinet also approved the Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) & The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

Benefits: The instant MoU would help encourage more and more young Indian Chartered Accountants to take up the recognition of ICAEW professional designation to further help them pursue professional opportunities in UK. It is a matter of great pride that a number of Indian Chartered Accountants are holding top level positions in companies in UK and with the recognition from ICAEW the Corporates in UK would be trusting Indian talents and skills more to hire them. There are no financial implications for the Government of India.

Major impact: The aim is to work together to develop a mutually beneficial relationship in the best interest of members, students and their organizations. The MoU will put both the accountancy institutes on global radar to play the leadership role in addressing new challenges before profession. ICAI has presence of a significant Chapter in UK namely, UK (London) Chapter of ICAI, thus playing a pivotal role for servicing Indian CAs in United Kingdom.

- **Cabinet approves setting up of 50 new Kendriya Vidyalayas under Civil/Defence Sector all over the country**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the setting up of 50 new Kendriya Vidyalayas under Civil/Defence Sector all over the country.

The Vidyalayas are proposed to be opened in the Civil/Defense Sector and once they are fully functional they will provide quality education to approximately 50,000 students once they become fully operational.

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