# LIST OF UNION CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN IN 2016

06.01.2016

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

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, 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.

2. Government brings paradigm shift in the approach for faster implementation under 'NamamiGange' programme

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal for taking up Hybrid Annuity based Public Private Partnership (PPP) model under NamamiGange 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.

- 3. Cabinet approves creation of a Credit Guarantee Fund for MUDRA loans A boost to refinance operations The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.
- 4. 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
- 5. Signing of MoU between India and Singapore in the field of Civil Aviation The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approvalfor signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which was signed in November, 2015between 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.
- 6. 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
- 7. Cabinet apprised of the signing of protocol with Czech Republic on bilateral cooperation in the field of heavy industry
- 8.Cabinet approves ILO Recommendation No. 204 (R-204) concerning transition from the informal to the formal economy
- 9.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

- 10. Memorandum of Understanding between India and Bangladesh and Mode of Operation of Border Haats for setting up of Border Haats of India-BangladeshBorder and addendum to the MoU signed earlier . 13.01.2016
- 11. Cabinet approves New Crop Insurance Scheme Pradhan MantriFasalBimaYojana A boost to the farming sector

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the 'Pradhan MantriFasalBimaYojana' - a path breaking scheme for farmers' welfare.

12. Cabinet approves India joining the International Energy Agency – Ocean Energy Systems

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

- 13. Constitution of an Empowered Committee of Secretaries to process the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission
- 14. MoU between India and Maldives for Health

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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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15.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 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.

16. Cabinet approves amendments in Power Tariff Policy to ensure 24X7 affordable Power for all

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

17. Cabinet approves policy on Promotion of City Compost

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

18. 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 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.

19. 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 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.

20. 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 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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- 21. Signing of Memorandum of Understandings betweenIndian 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
- 22. Cabinet approves raising of 17 Indian Reserve Battalions by J&K and LWE States

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister 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.

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

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi 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.

- 24. Returning of additional land of Auto Testing Track of NATRIP Project in Pithampur, Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- 25. 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 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.

26. Increasing the Authorized Share Capital of the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi 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

- 27.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
- 28. Joint Declaration between India and Germany on the extension of the tenure of the Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) from 2017 till 2022
- 29. 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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30. Cabinet grants 'in-principle' approval to the LIGO-India mega science proposal

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

31. 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 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.

- 32. 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.
- 33. Cabinet approves Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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).

34. 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 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.

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

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

02.03.2016

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

10.03.2016

- 39. No objection to the proposed change in shareholding in the ContainerTerminal Projects of M/s. Dubai Port World Limited in major Ports.
- 40. Signing and Ratification of the BIMSTEC Convention on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters
- 41.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 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.

- 42. 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.
- 43. Removal of the minimum capacity utilization criteria for SSP Manufacturing Units to be eligible for subsidy under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme.
- 44. 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

45. Approval for Amendment to the Sikh Gurudwaras Act, 1925

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi considered the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding amendment in the Sikh Gurdwaras 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 Gurdwaras Act, 1925, by amending the Act through the Parliament.

46. Cabinet approves Pradhan MantriUjjwalaYojana - Scheme for Providing Free LPG connections to Women from BPL Households

#### 23.03.2016

- 47. 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
- 48. Implementation of the rural housing scheme of Pradhan MantriAwaasYojana Gramin to achieve Housing for All by 2022.

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

49. 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 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.

50. India to accede to the Ashgabat Agreement

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

51. Procurement of launch services and realization of ground segment for GSAT-11 spacecraft

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

52. Hosting of Under-17 World Cup 2017 in India

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

- 53.Extension of tenure of the National Commission for SafaiKaramcharis beyond 31.3.2016 for three years
- 54. World class State-of-the-Art Exhibition-cum Convention Centre in Dwarka, New Delhi

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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

55. Implementation of One Rank One Pension

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval for implementation of One Rank One Pension (OROP).

- 56. Cabinet approves recommendations of 14th Finance Commission on fiscal deficit targets and additional fiscal deficit to States during 2015-20
- 57. Promulgation of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Anatomy Regulation, 2016

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

- 58. Funding of exports to Iran from India through the Export Development Fund of Exim Bank
- 59. Modification in the policy for liberalisation of administratively allotted Spectrum

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

60. National Hydrology Project

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

61. Revised Policy on crude oil import for oil PSUs

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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

62. MoU between India and Bangladesh on cooperation in the field of Fisheries

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

### 63. South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

64. Memorandum of Understanding between India and United Arab Emirates on cooperation in preventing and combating of Human Trafficking

20.04.2016

65. Expansion of India - Chile Preferential Trade Agreement

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its approval for expansion of India - Chile Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) between India and Chile.

- 66.Transfer of 58.81 acres land of Farakka Barrage Project at Farakka to Border Security Force for establishment of 04-BattaIion Head Quarters of BSF
- 67. Operationalisation of new Indian Institute of Science Education and Research at Tirupati

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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).

68. Cabinet approves signing the Paris Agreement

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval for signing the Paris Agreement adopted at the 21st Conference of Parties held in Paris in December 2015.

69. Memoranda of Understanding on Youth Exchange Programmes with foreign countries

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi was 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.

- 70. 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.
- 71. Amendments in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval to move official amendments in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill, 2015.

04.05.2016

72. Leasing of 73 Sqm. of defence land at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai to M/s. BEST

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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

73. Flexibility in utilisation of domestic coal for reducing the cost of power generation

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for allowing flexibility in utilisation of domestic coal for reducing the cost of power generation.

74. Memorandum of Cooperation to be signed between Ministry of Women & Child Development and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

12.05.2016

- 75. Memorandum of Understanding between Securities and Exchange Board of India and Financial Services Regulatory Authority, Abu Dhabi for Mutual Co--operation and Technical Assistance
- 76. Inter-Governmental Agreement between India and Mauritius on cooperation in cooperatives and related fields

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing of an Inter-Governmental Agreement between India and Mauritius on cooperation in cooperatives and related fields.

77. General Framework Agreement on Renewable Energy Cooperation

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

78. Cabinet approves National Intellectual Property Rights Policy

"Creative India; Innovative India: रचनात्मक भारत; अभिनव भारत"

The Union Cabinet 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

- 79. Joint issue between Department of Posts and United Nations Postal Administration on UN Women HeForShe postage stamp
- 80. 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
- 81. Site for construction of National War Memorial and National War Museum

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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

82. National Capital Goods Policy

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

- 83. 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.
- 84. 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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- 85. 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
- 86. Financial restructuring of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited for faster revival of Barauni Unit

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for financial restructuring of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Limited (HFCL).

87. Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to the cadre review of Indian Postal Service (IPoS)

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi 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.

88.MoU between Indian Space Research Organisation and the United Arab Emirates Space Agency

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

89.Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to establishment of the National Institute of Technology, Andhra Pradesh

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi 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

92.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 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.

93. Cabinet approves MoU between USA and India to enhance cooperation in wildlife conservation

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

94. Cabinet approves setting up of India Post Payments Bank

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister 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

95. 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 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.

96.Cabinet approves India's Membership of the International Continental Scientific Drilling Program

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for Indian membership of the International Continental Scientific Drilling Program (ICDP) consortium by signing anMoU 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.

97. Cabinet approves signing of Air Services Agreement between India and Taiwan

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister 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).

98. 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 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.

99. Cabinet approves Civil Aviation Policy

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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

100. Establishment of Fund of Funds for funding support to Start-ups

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

- 101. Cabinet approves Protocol amending the Agreement for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with Belgium
- 102. Withdrawal of the Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill, 2013

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

103. 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

104. 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.

105. Cabinet approves Revised Cost Estimates for establishment of Eight New IITs

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

106. 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.

107. Cabinet approves Cadre Review of Group 'A' Officers of Central Reserve Police Force

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

108.Cabinet approves Implementation of the recommendations of 7th Central Pay Commission.

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the implementation of the recommendations of 7th Central Pay Commission (CPC) on pay and pensionary benefits. It will come into effect from 01.01.2016.

05.07.2016

109. 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.

110. Cabinet approves the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

111. 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 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.

112. Cabinet approves import of pulses through long-term contract with Mozambique

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

113. 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 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.

114. Cabinet approves Revision of pension of BSNL Pensioners Removing Anomalies

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

115. Joint issue of postage stamp between Department of Posts and Portugal Post

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi was apprised of a joint issue of postage stamps between Department of Posts and Portugal Post.

- 116. Union Council of Ministers expanded with 19 new Ministers of State Prakash Javadekar elevated to Cabinet rank
- 15 new Ministers have past legislative experience; 10 served in central and state governments
- 117. 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

118. Cabinet approves Pradhan MantriKaushalVikasYojana 60 lakh youth to be trained afresh

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Pradhan MantriKaushalVikasYojana (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 nonformally 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.

- 119. Cabinet approves the Revised Cost Estimate of Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project in Bhutan
- 120. Cabinet approves the facilities being extended to persons residing in India on Long Term Visa
- 121. Cabinet approves Official amendment to the Bill for change of name from "Rajendra Central Agricultural University" to "Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University"
- 122. Cabinet approves revival of defunct Fertilizer Units in Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the revival of defunct Fertilizer Units in Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni. These cinlude 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

123. Government gives a push to port-led development

Cabinet approves incorporation of Sagarmala Development Company

124. Cabinet approves the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2016

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill 2016.

125. 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.

126. Cabinet approves establishment of new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences at Gorakhpur

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for establishment of new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan MantriSwasthyaSurakshaYojana (PMSSY).

The cost of the project for establishment of the new AIIMS in Gorakhpur shall be Rs. 1011 crore.

127. Cabinet approves amendment in the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) amendment Bill, 2015

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for introducing amendments to the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) (Amendment) Bill, 2015 in Parliament.

27.07.2016

128. Cabinet approves Amendment in the Central Agricultural University Act, 1992

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

129. 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.

- 130. Cabinet approves abolition of Separate Guidelines for establishing Joint Venture Companies by Defence PSUs
- 131. Cabinet increases the limit for foreign investment in Stock Exchanges from 5% to 15%
- 132. Cabinet approves rescinding the decision of the Government to set up the Concurrent Evaluation Office in Ministry of Rural Development

03.08.2016

133. 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 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).

134.Cabinet approves recommendations of the Sub-Group of Chief Minsters on Rationalisation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has accepted the major recommendations of the Sub-Group of Chief Minsters 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.

135. Cabinet approves signing of Air Services Agreement between India and Lao

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for signing of new Air Services Agreement (ASA) between India and Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR).

- 136. Cabinet approves Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Bill 2016 Historical Step towards making roads safe and save lakhs of innocent lives
- 137. 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
- 138. 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

139. Cabinet approves foreign investment in other Financial Services sector

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval to amend regulation for foreign investment in the Non- Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs).

140. 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 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).

- 141. 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
- 142. The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2016

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

143. The Lokpal and Lokayuktas (Amendment) Bill, 2016

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

144. Amendments to the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

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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

145. Cabinet approves Cadre Review of Indian Information Service

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

146. Cabinet approves introduction of the "Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016"

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

147. Cabinet approves Leasing out of Airports Authority of India land to Assam Industrial Development Corporation for Centre for Perishable Cargo at LokpriyaGopinathBordoloi International Airport, Guwahati.

148. 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

149. Cabinet apprised of MoU between CERT-In India and CERT-UK

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister 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).

150. Cabinet approves dissolution of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

151.Cabinet approves simplification and liberalisation of the Foreign Direct Investment Policy, 2016 in various sectors

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its ex-postfacto approval for the FDI policy amendments announced by the Government on 20th

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

152. 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.

153. Cabinet approves establishment of Higher Education Financing Agency for creating capital assets in higher educational institutions.

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

154. Cabinet approves Exchange of Tariff concessions under the Fourth Round of Negotiations APTA

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

155. 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 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.

- 156. Cabinet approves Cadre Review of Group 'A' Executive Officers of Border Security Force
- 157. Cabinet approves signing of the Extradition Treaty between India and Afghanistan

21.09.2016

- 158. 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
- 159. Cabinet approves raising Extra Budgetary Resources to augment infrastructure spending

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister 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.

160.Cabinet approves USOF support to BSNL for Rural Wire-line connections installed prior to 1.4.2002

161. 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

- 162. Cabinet approves the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016
- 163. 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
- 164. Cabinet approves enactment of Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Bill 2016 and to repeal five archaic admiralty statutes

28.09.2016

165. Cabinet approves ratification of the Paris Agreement

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval to ratify the Paris Agreement (on Climate Change) on 2nd October 2016, the day of Gandhi Jayanti.

- 166. Cabinet approves India Singapore MoU to give a boost to Innovation, Creativity and Technological Advancement
- 167. Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to Varistha Pension BimaYojana, 2003 and Varistha Pension BimaYojana, 2014
- 168. Cabinet approves an Undertaking between India and Korea on Mutual Recognition of Certificates for Seafarers, 1978
- 169. Cabinet approves Closure of Hindustan Cables Limited, Kolkata
- 170. Cabinet approves Productivity Linked Bonus to railway employees

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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

- 171. 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
- 172. Cabinet approves transfer of two acres of Indian Agricultural Institute land to Veterinary Council of India
- 173. 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

174. 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

- 175. 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)
- 176. Cabinet approves establishment of an Indian Institute of Management at Jammu (13-October 2016)

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

- 177. Cabinet apprised of the MoU between India and Qatar on cooperation in the field of Youth and Sports (13-October 2016)
- 178. Cabinet approves redevelopment of residential colonies at West Ansari Nagar and AyurVigyan Nagar Campuses of AllMS, New Delhi (13-October 2016)
- 179. Cabinet approves MoU between India and Hungary on cooperation in the field of water management (13-October 2016)
- 180. Cabinet approves MoU between India and the Russian Federation on Expansion of Bilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation (13-October 2016)

27.10.2016

181. 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 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.

- 182. 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
- 183. Cabinet approves Agreement between India and Estonia on the transfer of sentenced persons
- 184. Establishment and operationalization of new Indian Institute of Science Education and Research at Berhampur, Odisha

185. Cabinet approves establishment of National Academic Depository

The Union Cabinet under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister 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.

- 186. Extension of the validity of Central Order regarding de-hoarding of sugar upto April, 2017
- 187. Cabinet approves Cadre Review of Indian Posts & Telecommunications Accounts and Finance Service Group "A"
- 188. Cabinet approves Budgetary support to HMT Ltd for payment of outstanding salary, introduction of VRS/VSS and closure of operations of Tractor Division
- 189. Cabinet approves exchanging of land between Airports Authority of India and Government of Odisha for widening of road at BijuPatnaiak Airport, Bhubaneshwar
- 190. Cabinet approves the new Agreement on Trade, Commerce and Transit between India and Bhutan
- 15.11.2016
- 191. 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 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.

192. 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

23.11.2016

193.Cabinet approves re-routing of State Highway passing through Naval Land at Kakinada

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for diversion of State Highway-149 passing through Naval Land at Kakinada.

- 194. 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.
- 195. 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, 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.

196.Cabinet approves setting up of Jawahar NavodayaVidyalayas in 62 uncovered districts of the country

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has approved opening of one Jawahar NavodayaVidyalaya (JNV) in each of the 62 uncovered districts with an outlay of Rs.2,871 crore.

30.11.2016

197. Cabinet approves Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP)- Phase III

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, 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.

198. Cabinet approves closure of Kota Unit of Instrumentation Limited and Transfer of its Palakkad Unit to Government of Kerala.

199. 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

200. Cabinet approves liberalization, simplification and rationalization of Visa regime in India

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

201. 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, 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

202. 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

203.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

- 204. Cabinet approves the proposal of Election Commission for procurement of Control Units and Ballot Units during 2017-18 and 2018-19
- 205. Cabinet approves Pune Metro Rail Project Phase 1

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister 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 {PimpriChinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) to Swargate} covering length of 16.589 km (11.57 km elevated and 5.019 km underground) and Corriodor-2 (Vanaz to Ramwadi) covering 14.665 km (fully elevated).

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- 206. Cabinet approves signing of revised Air Services Agreement between India and Nigeria
- 207. Cabinet approves replacement of 'Major Port Trusts Act, 1963' with 'the Major Port Trust Authorities Bill, 2016'
- 208. Cabinet approves India's approach to Climate Change Negotiations at the Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC)

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister 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 (UNFCC), held in Marrakesh, Morocco during November 7-18, 2016.

- 209. 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
- 210. 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

### 21.12.2016

- 211. 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
- 212. Cabinet approves Cadre Review of Indian Telecommunications Service, Group 'A'
- 213.Cabinet approves sale of part of surplus and vacant land for meeting the liabilities of Hindustan Anti-biotics Ltd
- 214. Cabinet approves International Solar Alliance (ISA): Signing of the Framework Agreement

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, 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 30th November, 2015 at Paris on

the side-lines of the 21stCoP meeting of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

215. Cabinet approves need-based sale of surplus land of four Pharmaceutical PSUs

28.12.2016

216. Cabinet approves Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

217. Cabinet approves doubling of Rajpura-Bhatinda railway line

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister 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.

218. 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, 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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