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Message

I am happy to know that Defence Estates Organization, Ministry of Defence is celebrating its 95th Raising Day on 16th December, 2020. I wish to compliment all the officers and staff of the department for their services in the management of defence land and administration of 62 Cantonments which have stood the test of time. As a custodian of over 17.95 lakh acres of land spread all across the country, the Defence Estates Organization has been playing a very important role over the years. Further, as the demand on land resources increases, the role of the Organization is likely to grow in the coming years.

I am glad that the Defence Estates Organization has adopted digital technologies in a big way in the last year or so. All its land resources are now available in digitized platform. I am also happy to know that the department has started using new technologies for survey of defence lands and identifying those piece of lands which has remained unidentified for decades. Greater use of technological tools including satellite imagery, drones for survey, etc. will greatly enhance quality of land records and bring in efficiency and transparency. It will also enable better utilization of land resources for the needs of Armed Forces and the country. The Ministry of Defence has also created a corresponding Land Management System within the Ministry which will work along with the digitised platform of Defence Estates Organization to enable speedier decision making.

I also compliment the Defence Estates Organization for having speedily implemented the e-Chhawani Project during the last six months whereby various services for Cantonment residents are available online in all 62 Cantonments. The first phase of e-Chhawani is likely to be operational this year itself.

Once again my hearty congratulations to all the members of the Defence Estates Organization family.


(Ajay Kumar)

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