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Release of India's support to Royal Government of Bhutan under 13th Five Year Plan

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A formal cheque handover ceremony was held today, during which Mr. Aniket Govind Mandavgane, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Thimphu, handed over the cheque to the Finance Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Royal Government of Bhutan.

The Royal Government of Bhutan received Nu. 1.31 billion from the Government of India for the 13th Five Year Plan period for the following projects:

1. Nu. 250 million (25 Crores) for Programme Grant, as direct budgetary support to RGoB. So far, GoI has released INR/Nu. 1.5 billion (150 crores) to RGoB out of INR/Nu. 5 billion (500 crores) of Programme Grant.
2. INR/Nu. 37.65 million (3.75 crores) for the project “Infrastructure Development for Dratshang” to strengthen infrastructure facilities for the Zhung Dratshang (Central Monastic Body); provide conducive living, learning, and spiritual environments to the monks; ensure preservation and continuity of the cultural and spiritual practices; improve sanitation, safety, and well-being of monks and nuns; through 129 activities across all Dzongkhags. India has released INR/Nu. 40.8 million (4.08 crores) to RGoB out of the total project cost of INR/Nu. 836 million (83.6 crores).
3. INR/Nu. 750 million (75 crores) for the project “Chain Link Fencing”: This project safeguards crops from wildlife through chain link fencing covering approximately 1000 km across all 20 Dzongkhags. Chain link support is being given to the four key crops: paddy, potato, maize, and vegetables. India has released INR/Nu. 1.07 billion (107 crores) to RGoB out of the total project cost of INR/Nu. 1.5 billion (150 crores).
4. INR/Nu. 276.23 million (27.623 crores) for the project “Replacement/Reconstruction of Existing Major Bridges of highways” covering design and construction of 11 bridges as well as procurement of bridge parts. The new bridges will have enhanced load-carrying capacity and wider carriageways, thus facilitating a smooth and reliable road network across Bhutan. India has released INR/Nu. 462.6 million (46.26 crores) to RGoB out of the total project cost of INR/Nu. 1.08 billion (108 crores).

The ceremony was led by the Finance Secretary, accompanied by the Director General of the Department of Macro-Fiscal and Development Finance, Ministry of Finance. From the Embassy of India, the delegation was headed by the Deputy Chief of Mission.

The event concluded with both sides reiterating their commitment to further strengthening the long-standing ties of cooperation, trust, and mutual respect that underpin the Bhutan-India partnership.