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**Govt to pave way for land acquisition by Army**

**ITANAGAR, May 13:** A high-level committee would be constituted under the chair of State Land Commissioner, Deputy Commissioners of the concern districts with representatives from Army to cater the land acquisition need for the proposed new Army division coming up in the state.

This was decided by state chief minister Dorjee Khandu while attending to the request made by Major General B S Sachar, General Officer Commanding, (GOC) 2 Mountain Division Dinjan who called on to the state chief minister in his secretariat office here this morning.

The GOC through a power point presentation briefed Khandu about land requirement for the new division and had urged him to direct the state government officials to expedite the land identification and acquisition for the purpose.



While disclosing about fund being received by Army for development of border villages where army is deployed, the GOC emphasised the need for "Integrated Local Area Development Committees" so that the civil societies and Army could collectively work towards the development of forward areas.

Appreciating the suggestion, CM asked them to liaison with the district administration and also assured to pass on necessary directives to concern DCs for extending the required

cooperation.

Khandu further laid emphasis on proper coordination between the Army, Police and district administration to strengthen the security scenario of the state.

Khandu requested the GOC to initiate immediate steps to deploy a company of Army at Itanagar so that necessary assistance could be availed from it whenever required. He lauded Army for conducting relief operations during disasters and hoped that they would always continue with their efforts.

While responding to the plea of maintenance of Advance Landing Grounds (ALGs) at various places in the state, the chief minister clarified that the maintenance of ALGs has already been incorporated under PM's Package.

Proposal for maintenance of foot suspension bridges, potter tracks on patrolling routes have been forwarded to the centre for sanction of fund, Khandu said.

The GOC further apprised the CM about the need of road connectivity