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To,
ED/Heritage
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Sub:- Present position of renovation works of DHR burnt stations Sonada & Gayabari

Ref:- As email received from ED/Heritage/Rly.Board on 27.06.2019

In reference to the above subject the response about the queries related to the DHR burnt stations are as following:-

- i. There was no any major agitation which took place in the year 2016 and had affected DHR in any manner. A major political movement was started in Darjeeling district in June 2017 for the demand of separate state "Gorkhaland" which caused closure of Darjeeling district specially Hill section for 105 Days which had badly affected the DHR working. During that agitation period two heritage stations of DHR i.e. Gayabari and Sonada were set on fire by anti social elements.
- ii. NFR has taken initiatives to restore both stations i.e. Gayabari and Sonada by awarding Contract in August 2018 but after the objection of UNESCO tender was cancelled then. Restoration process was again started after getting the Draft of "Built Heritage(Architectural) Conservation Manual" which contains Design Guide, Restoration Guide and Conservation Approach, principles & Strategies. Restoration Estimate has already been prepared as per the guidelines of the UNESCO.
- iii. Final CCMP is yet to be received by DHR till date but During this period DHR staffs are getting very beneficial help and training through various workshops organized by UNESCO related to the Heritage Conservation. Implementation of CCMP in DHR will work as a Standard Guideline for the working of DHR and will eliminate doubts of Dos and Don'ts keeping Heritage Conservation in mind.

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