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Meghalaya Chief Minister in the Video Conference with the Prime Minister said that economic planning and support to States should be accorded priority by the central Government. Health infrastructure should be improved in all States and that every State should have its economic plan keeping in mind its respective concerns.



“Micro management of the situation is very important and each State should be allowed to take its own decisions”, the Chief Minister said.

He emphasized that in order to keep the spread of the virus in check, Inter-State movement should be minimized. Economic planning structure must be prepared and health infrastructure must be strengthened in all States.



Speaking on the economic situation arising due to the lockdown, the Chief Minister said that all states are facing financial issues during this time therefore; the intervention from the centre is the need of the hour.

Apprising the Prime Minister on Meghalaya's plan of action, the Chief Minister said that Meghalaya has constituted its Economic Task Force that is looking into boosting State's economy during the lockdown period. He further said that all States must be allowed to initiate their own plan so strategies can be more effective.

“It is important to make economic zones regional for the benefit of all states and we seek the Hon'ble PM's support towards this end”, he added.

Speaking on the effectiveness of the lockdown the Chief Minister said, “Globally, we have seen that the lockdown has been effective in limiting the spread and impact of the virus. The strategies adopted during the different stages of the lockdown kept evolving to better respond to the changing situation and therefore at this point, we must focus on restrictions with flexibilities and relaxation on various activities as deemed fit by each State.

He further added that, “India is a big nation and different strategies will need to be implemented at different levels to combat this pandemic”.