<u>J&K Bar Association delegation calls</u> <u>on Dr Jitendra Singh</u>

A delegation of J&K Bar Association led by its newly elected President, Advocate B. S. Salathia, called on Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh here today.

<u>Clarification on Recently Notified</u> <u>Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act,2017</u>

The Government has notified the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act,2017 on 28th March,2017 and the provisions of the Amendment Act have come into force with effect from 1st April,2017, except those relating to crèche facility $\{Section \ 4(1)\}$ which would come into force from 01.07.2017.

MHA advisory to States/UTs on Prison Reforms

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has written a letter to the Principal Secretary/Secretary Home (In-charge of Prisons) of all States and Union Territories on the resolutions adopted by 5th National Conference of Heads of Prisons of States/UTs on Prison Reforms.

India unanimously elected to head UNHabitat, the United Nations' Human

Settlements Programme

India has been unanimously elected as the President of the UN-Habitat, an organ of the United Nations' Organisation (UNO) that promotes socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements across the world, after 10 years.

Radha Mohan Singh writes letters to all the Chief Ministers of the States / Union Territories to review all the measures before time to handle the situation arising out of any monsoon failure

Union Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister, Shri radha Mohan Singh, has written a letter to the all Chief Ministers of the States/UTs today for the review of the state of preparedness in managing any weather related contingency if any in advance so that the possible adverse impact of sub-par rainfall on the farmers can be mitigated. Shri Singh in his letter mentioned that India Meteorological Department (IMD) projected a likely rainfall of 96% (+ 5%) of the Long Period Average during Kharif 2017 in its first stage forecast for the South-West Monsoon. An updated forecast will be issued by IMD in June, 2017 with details of temporal (monthly) and regional distribution of monsoon rainfall.