

2. Helicopter services would be provided between Guwahati to Dimapur & Kohima with 75% Central Subsidy (Rs. 15 crores/annum).
3. Four laning of 17 km. of NH 39 will be sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 38 crores.
4. Development of Dimapur Airport (extension of runway and installation of ILS) (Rs. 15 crores).
5. Rs. 10 crores for additional infrastructure for University of Nagaland.
6. Upgradation of District Hospital for referral facilities at Kohima (Rs. 25 crores).
7. Setting up Industrial Growth Centre with Central subsidy of Rs. 10 crores.
8. Gauge conversion works of Dibrugarh to Dimapur section would be sanctioned.
9. Additional allotment of Rs. 10 crores for housing to Village Development Boards under IAY.
10. Rajdhani Express to Delhi from Dimapur via Guwahati will be introduced.
11. Indian Airlines will operate from Dimapur to Delhi via Guwahati thrice a week.

Assam

1. Additional funds of Rs. 55 crores would be provided in 1996-97 to complete Rail-cum-Road at Jogighopa. Rs. 120 crores for 1997-98 to fully complete the project.
2. Proposal for Road-cum-Rail Bridge at Bogibheel. Rs. 1000 crores will be sanctioned this year and the work commenced next year and completed within the 9th Five Year Plan.
3. Upgrading Guwahati airport as hub centre for the NE and develop it as an international airport (Rs. 128 crores).
4. Three Industrial Growth Centres will be set up with Central Subsidy of Rs. 10 crore each (Total 30 crores).
5. Centre would take up flood control works on Brahmaputra as Central Sector Project and provide Rs. 500 crores in 9th Five Year Plan as Central Grant.
6. An LPG Bottling Plant will be set up at a cost of Rs. 24 crore.
7. GOI would finalise the 'on account' royalty rates for the three year period 1996-1999 by the end of November '96 and payments at these rates would be made to Government of Assam by 31.12.96, including the arrears from 1.4.96.
8. Upgradation of Guwahati Medical College will be considered

Meghalaya

1. Indira Gandhi Health Institute for which foundation was laid in 1986 would be taken up for full completion in a time-bound manner.
2. Shillong Bypass Road would be provided Rs. 50 crores and the implementation expedited in 9th Plan.
3. Railhead within Meghalaya at Burnihat from Guwahati would be provided and work on this would commence as soon as the required land is made available by the State Government.
4. The Umroi Airport would be extended and upgraded during the Ninth Plan Period and work would commence as soon as land is made available.
5. New Satellite Township near Shillong would be established during the Ninth Plan Period by obtaining funds from external financial sources.
6. A Regional Biological Products Unit will be established in Meghalaya as recommended by State Government at a total cost of about Rs. 3.5 crores.
7. Sanction for widening of NH-51 near Tura will be accorded.
8. An Industrial Growth Centre with Central subsidy of Rs. 10 crores would be sanctioned.
9. An Institute of Hotel Management at Shillong would be set up.
10. Construction of Dowki Bridge connecting Meghalaya and Bangladesh would be taken up urgently with assistance from Government of India.

Prices of Petroleum Products

1. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a committee was constituted to go into the price structure of gas and to recommend changes required in the principle of fixing gas prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the committee has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the response of the Government thereto; and

(e) if not, by which time the report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e). A Committee was constituted in January, 1995 under the Chairmanship of Shri T.L. Sankar, Principal, Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad to recommend changes in gas prices. The report of the Committee is yet to be submitted to the Government.