

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF BORDER TOWN
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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- (a) the status of the Detail Project Report (DPR) for the development of Border Town of Moreh, Zokawthar, Dawki and Sutarkhandi; (
- (b) whether the DPR for the development of these four places as Border Towns was to be completed by July 2000; (
- (c) if so, the details thereof; (
- (d) the reasons for delay in preparing the DPR; and (
- (e) the progress in regard to the implementation of recommendations of the Empowered Committee on inter - Ministerial Task Force on Border Trade and Inter-country Trade issues in North -East ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (d) :As a part of Prime Minister's initiatives for development of North East Region announced in Shillong in January 2000, Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for the development of border townships of Moreh, Dawki and Sutarkhandi are being prepared by the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) at the behest of Department of Commerce. The finalisation of the DPRs has been delayed as the respective State Governments are yet to make the land available for the proposed facilities at the aforesaid locations.

As regards Zokhawthar , the BRO whoare entrusted with the task of developing the center will perpare the detail project report shortly after the land is handed over by the State Government of Mizoram.

(e) : The recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Task Force on Border trade and inter country trade issues in North East are being regularly monitored and reviewed for implementation by an Empowered Committee headed by the Commerce Secretary. The status of the actions on the Task Force report has been reviewed in the meetings of the Empowered Committee held on 14-6-2000, 7-7-2000 and 25-9-2000. The last such meeting of the Empowered Committee was held at Guwahati on 25-9-2000.