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PROPOSAL FOR INTER-STATE PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Planning Commission has received any proposals relating to development of Inter-State projects from North Eastern Council (NEC);
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The time by which all these projects are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES(DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (c): The role of North Eastern Council (NEC) is to act as regional planning body for North Eastern Region (NER). NEC also takes up projects for implementation by the Member States of NER under its plan.

The projects proposed under NEC plan are of Inter-State nature involving two or more states. Though, projects of regional importance may be located in a specific state, benefits are availed by the member states.

As per the procedure, the projects under NEC plan require 'in-principle' approval of the Planning Commission for sanction by Expenditure Finance Committee/ Standing Finance Committee.

NEC proposed 56 road projects to be taken up during 111 Plan. After examination, Planning Commission conveyed 'in-principle' approval for 25 projects. Out of which so far 15 projects have been sanctioned by EFC/SFC. In addition, Planning Commission has given 'in-principle' approval for the project 'North Eastern Region Community Resources Management Project (NERCRMP)' to cover Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh.

Presently, proposal for development of 5 Airports (Guwahati, Jorhat, Imphal, Barapani and Dibrugarh) is under examination for 'in-principle' approval by the Planning Commission.