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PROJECTS IN NE STATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of projects that have been initiated in the North-Eastern States;
- (b) the latest status of these projects;
- (c) whether the projects are being delayed mostly due to forest clearance; and
- (d) if so, the latest status of the national projects taken up in the North-East ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Since inception of the planned development process, there had been focus for development of physical and social infrastructure in the North-Eastern States. Initiatives have been taken both by the Central Government and the State Governments for construction of roads, rail, airports, inland water transport, power, transmission lines, mining development, security infrastructures (buildings, camps, fencing, check posts), health, education, drinking water etc.

Some of the major projects under implementation in the North East are

- (i) East-West Corridor (4 lane highway) up to Silchar in Assam,
- (ii) Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for NE (SARDP-NE) for connecting all State Capitals/ district headquarters/towns by 2-lane roads,
- (iii) Trans Arunachal Highway,
- (iv) Dholai- Sadia Bridge,
- (v) Railway Gauge Conversion (Lumding-Silchar-Jiribam and Rangia-Murkongselek),
- (vi) Railway line expansion project (Jiribam-Imphal, Harmuti-Itanagar, Agartala-Sabroom),
- (vii) Rail-Cum-Road Bridge across Brahmaputra at Bogibeel,
- (viii) 2000 MW Lower Subansiri Hydro Power Project, (ix) 750 MW Palatana Power Project, (x) 3x250 MW Bongaigaon Thermal Power Project, (xi) Pakyong airport, Sikkim (xii) Airport upgradation, Umroi (Shillong), etc. These projects are at various stages of implementation details of which are available with the respective ministries.

(c) and (d): As per available information there are 65 number of project proposals of North Eastern States pending for forest clearance with the Ministry of Environment & Forest falling under the category of road, hydel, mining, security, transmission lines, drinking water etc.,. State wise and project category wise details are given below: