

LOK SABHA

Wednesday, April 8, 1981/Chaitra 18,
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*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MR. SPEAKER: The augury is very good. Quorum is there. The questioner is there. Shri Sontosh Mohan Dev.

Speedy Implementation of on-going Projects in N. E. Region

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*722. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN
DEV;

SHRI CHINGWANG
KONYAK:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the names of the various on-going projects in the North-Eastern region;

(b) whether any evaluation of the progress of these projects has been made by the Planning Commission;

(c) what steps are proposed for ensuring their speedy implementation; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND LABOUR (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) A list of projects in the Central Sector and NEC Plan is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) to (d). The projects are monitored by the Ministry/Department concerned. Progress of the schemes is also discussed in detail at the time of Five Year Plan/Annual Plan discussions and corrective measures are outlined wherever required. The Committee of Ministers set up recently also reviews the progress of implementation of the projects.

Statement

Names of the on-going projects in the Central Sector and NEC Plan in the North Eastern Region:

A. Agriculture and Allied Activities

1. Seed Farms

Foundation Seed Farm for Major Crops

(i) Assam

(ii) Manipur

(iii) Tripura

2. Soil and Land use survey by ICAR

3. Watershed Management Project.

4. Jhum control schemes—Post Reclamation Assistance.

(i) Siang Catchment, Arunachal Pradesh

(ii) Ranga Catchment, Assam

(iii) Iril Catchment, Manipur

- (iv) Didrum Upper Catchment, Meghalaya
- (v) Dhaleswari Catchment, Mizoram
- (vi) Howrah Manu Catchment, Tripura
- (vii) Mangleu Catchment, Nagaland
- (viii) Palok Chamdar, Mizoram

5. Ground Water Survey and Development.

6. Project Formulation Unit

B. Horticulture

1. Regional Foundation Seed Potato Farm—

- (a) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Sialsuk, Mizoram
- (c) Helipong, Nagaland
- (d) Laitkor, Meghalaya

2. Regional Seed Farm, Thingawl, Mizoram

3. Regional Seed Farm for Tuber Crops Sambrak, Meghalaya

4. Pilot Ginger Dehydration Plant, Sairang, Mizoram.

5. Regional Orchard cum Nursery for—

- (a) Apple, Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Pear and Stone Fruits, Maram, Manipur
- (c) Citrus, Chite, Mizoram
- (d) Citrus, Longoak, Nagaland
- (e) Sub-tropical Fruits, Nalkata Tripura
- (f) Citrus cum Stone Fruits, Barapani, Maghalaya.
- (g) Banana, Kheroni, Assam.

6. Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation.

C. Animal Husbandry

1. Regional Hill Cattle Breeding-cum-Demonstration Farm, Kanki, Arunachal Pradesh.

2. Regional Fodder Seed Production-cum-Demonstration Farm, Kamki, Arunachal Pradesh.

3. Regional Feed Testing Laboratory, Gauhati, Assam.

4. Regional Exotic Pig Breeding Farm, Loilang, Arunachal Pradesh.

5. Regional Fodder Seed Production-cum-Demonstration Farm, Tripura.

6. Regional Goat Breeding Farm, Tripura.

D. Plantations

Coffee

Coffee Nurseries in 5 States and 2 UTs.

Rubber

Two Bud Wood Nurseries, Assam & Tripura.

E. Fisheries

1. Regional Fish Seed Farm, Tezoma, Nagaland.

2. Regional Fish Pituitary Gland Bank, Tripura.

F. Others

1. ICAR Complex, Shillong.

2. Assam Agricultural University.

3. National Research Centre for Yarn.

4. National Research Centre for Methun.

II. Industry

(a) *Paper*

1. Nagaland Pulp and Paper Project at Tuli.

2. Nowgong Pulp and Paper Project (Assam).

3. Cachar Pulp and Paper Project (Assam).

(b) *Cement*

1. Mini Cement plant, Tazu (Arunachal Pradesh).

(c) *Village and Small Industries*

1. Establishment of North Eastern Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation.
2. *Sericulture*
 - (i) Expansion of Sericulture Training Institute, (Assam).
 - (ii) Revival of Certificate Course at Assam Textile Institution.
 - (iii) One Regional Oak Taser Seed Station (Manipur and Meghalaya) with 2 sub-stations.
 - (iv) One Regional Foreign Race Seed Station, Mulberry (Meghalaya).
 - (v) Survey & Test Rearing of Oak Taser (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland).
 - (vi) One Regional P-3 Muga Seed Station at Higher Altitude (Assam).
 - (vii) Production Oriented Integrated Schemes—Pilot Extension Centre in all constituent units.
 - (viii) Establishment of Muga food plant, Oak plant Nurseries (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Tripura).
 - (ix) Establishment of 14 Grainage-cum-training Centres for development of Oak Taser (Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, and Nagaland).
 - (x) Preservation of Oak Taser Seed Cocoon (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland).
 - (xi) Mulberry Nursery-cum-Chowki Rearing Centres (Assam & Tripura).

- (xii) Expansion of Eri Seed Grainage (Meghalaya).

- (xiii) Programme of training of personnel in Sericulture.

- (ix) One Cold Storage Plant (Assam).

- (x) Silk Rearing Unit (Tripura).

(d) *Petroleum*

1. Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd. (BRPL).
2. L. P. G. Plant.
3. Siliguri-Gauhati Pipeline Expansion.
4. Development of Jorajan Oilfield.
5. Namrup III Fertilizer Project.

III. *Mineral Exploration*

1. Siju Coal and Limestone (Meghalaya)
2. Namchik-Namphuk Coal (Arunachal Pradesh).
3. Bovjan Coal (Nagaland).

IV. *Power*

1. Loktak Hydro Electric Project
2. Kopili Hydro Electric Project
3. Garo Hills Thermal Project

V. *Transport*(a) *Roads*

- (i) Roads being raised to National Highway Standard:
 1. Imphal Silchar Bedarpur
 2. Silchar-Aizwal-Lungleh
 3. Link to Itanagar
 4. North Trunk Road (Gauhati-Passighat-Tezu-Sailchaghat).
 5. Paikan-Tura-Dalu
 6. Lateral Road (Portions in North Bengal & Assam).

(ii) **NEC Roads**

(a) New Construction 1785 Kms

(b) Improvement 1140 Kms

(b) **Bridges**

Second bridge across Brahmaputra river at Bhomaraguri near Tezpur.

(c) **Railways**

1. Gauge Conversion between New Bongaigaon-Gauhati Section (157 Kms.).
 2. New lines Gauhati-Burnihat (Assam/Meghalaya).
 3. Amguri-Tuli (Assam/Nagaland)
 4. Balipara Bhalukpong (Assam/Arunachal Pradesh).
 5. Lalabagar/Lalaghat-Bhairabi (Assam/Mizoram).
 6. Silchar-Juribam (Assam/Manipur).
 7. Dharmanagar-Kumarghat (Tripura).
- (d) **Inland Water Transport**
Central Inland Water Transport Corporation (strengthening of fleet).

(e) **Telecommunications**(1) **Long distance transmission**(A) **Microwave Schemes**(i) **Gauhati-Jorhat-Dibrugarh-Tinsukhia Wideband Schemes.**(ii) **Gauhati-Goalpara-Bongaigaon narrowband scheme.**(iii) **Jorhat-North Lakhimpur-Itanagar narrowband/HHF scheme.**(B) **UHF Schemes**

1. Kohima-Zakhama
2. Tinsukhia-Namroop

3. Silchar-Aizwal

4. Bomdila-Tejpur

5. Sillong-Jowai

6. Tinsukhia-Khonsa

7. Dimapur-Di-phu

8. Silchar-Karimganj

9. Silchar-Halfong

10. Champakova-Passighat

11. Imphal-Ukhrool

12. Wokha-Zenubhotto

(2) **Satellite Communication**

1. Shillong earth station

2. Itanagar earth station

3. Kohima earth station

4. Imphal earth station

5. Agartala earth station

(3) **Long distance switching**(A) **Trunk automatic exchange:**

Sillong TAX expansion (800—1500 lines).

(B) **Telex exchanges**

1. Kohima Main—20 lines

2. Gauhati extension—60 lines

3. Silchar main—20 lines

4. Tinsukhia Extension 20+20 lines

(4) **Switching**

Local telephones-MAX-I

1. Gauhati (6000—7500 lines)

2. Agartala main (2100 lines)

3. Imphal Main (2100 lines)

4. Shillong (3000—4000 lines)

VI. **Health**

1. Regional Medical College, Manipur.

2. Regional Pharmacy Institute, Tripura.

3. Development of Pasteure Institute, Meghalaya.

4. Graduate Nursing College, Assam.

VII. Education

1. Regional Students Hostel, Shillong.
2. Extension of Tripura Engg. College, Agartala.
3. B. Pharma course in Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh.
4. Regional Engineering College, Silchar.
5. Regional College of Physical Education, Tripura.
6. Regional Police Training College, Meghalaya.

VIII. Housing and Urban Development

1. Subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme for Plantation workers.
2. Integrated Development of Small and Medium towns.

IX. Water Supply

Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (under this programme, rural drinking water supply schemes are under implementation in all the States/Union Territories of the region).

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Planning Minister has planned his Answer to my Question very nicely.

MR. SPEAKER: Because he is a Planning Minister!

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: I wanted to know specifically in part (c) of my question as follows:

“(c) what steps are proposed for ensuring their speedy implementation; and

(d) the details thereof?”

This is what I wanted to know. The hon. Minister has replied as follows:

“The Committee of Ministers set up recently also reviews the progress of implementation of the projects.”

Sir, in the past in this House, during a discussion on the present turmoil in the North Eastern Region, references were made by all (irrespective of party affiliations) that the main problem in the North Eastern region is their economic backwardness.

If you go through the list of various projects under the different Ministries in the N.E. region, you will definitely see that the Central Government is making earnest efforts to give various projects under different ministries. But here, the main problem is the implementation part of it. That is the main thing. So, I would like to request the hon. Minister to inform the House:

(a) How many meetings were held by the Makwana Committee?

(b) What are their findings?

(c) What steps have been taken by the Government specifically to implement those recommendations?

Secondly, I would like to bring out another important point. In the Statement given by the hon. Minister, in page 7, there is an item which comes under Part VII, Education: This is item 4, ‘Regional Engineering College, Silchar’ which is being established. Now, if you turn to page 4 of the statement, under the heading monitoring of Power Projects, there are three projects which are mentioned. They are:—

Loktak Hydro Electric Project, Kopili Hydro Electric Project and Garo Hills Thermal Project.

I would like to know from the hon. Minister when these Projects were started and when they were expected to be implemented. So far as the Garo Hills Thermal Project is concerned, what are the present steps which have been taken? If he is not satisfied with the progress, what steps does he propose to take to implement this project early? These are my questions, Sir.

SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, as regards the im-

plementation of the various projects which are being planned in the North Eastern region, I may point out to the House that we are very much concerned about the implementation part of it. And, so far as implementation is concerned, it is actually a three-pronged effort. Firstly, the State Governments are concerned with them. They are responsible for some of these plan projects. They are to take responsibility for the implementation of those plan projects which are part of the State sector. This is number one. Number two is this: There is the Central Sector, and the agencies of the Central Government, who are involved directly and the Corporations concerned. They are to be responsible for the implementation of these Central Sector Projects. Thirdly, we have the North-Eastern Council Projects taken up by the North-Eastern Council as per the recommendations of the North-Eastern States. A regular monitoring is being done by all the State Governments and also by the N.E.C. The N.E.C. has got a high-power organisation to look after the NEC projects. Now, the question of law and order situation in Assam, Manipur and so on, is an important aspect, due to which the materials needed by many of these projects have been affected, because these materials could not reach the spot in time.

But now, with the recent improvement in the situation, we have asked the State Governments, including the North Eastern Council and also the various Central Sector Organisations concerned to fully gear up their activities so that all these Plans can be implemented in time. As far as the Committee of Ministers is concerned, there were many formal and informal meetings and it has been decided that many of the ongoing schemes should be expedited, the construction schedule should be expedited. For example, in the case of many of the railway lines proposed, it is expected that they should be completed by the end of the financial year 1983-84. Similarly, many of the schemes of the agricultural and horticultural sectors will be

launched within this year. As far as the Loktak and Kopili projects are concerned I had an opportunity to visit Loktak very recently. Now, there is some engineering problem and because of that, the Loktak project could not be commissioned in time. A part of tunnel structure caved in a few years' back and there were many casualties. But now they have got a new tunnelling machine. I am sure the Loktak project will be commissioned in time by the end of the financial year 1981-83.

In the case of the Kopili project, about half of the funds have been utilised for that project. Regarding Silchar, I may assure the hon. Member that the Engineering College is coming up according to schedule and we will see to it and we will try to fund it accordingly.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: I am thankful to the hon. Minister for the assurances given for the completion of these projects. I would like to know whether the Makwana Committee would go further into this and submit another report on these projects. May I know from the hon. Minister whether these projects are going to be taken up as per plan and completed as per the schedule? What are the new projects the Planning Minister would consider for the North-Eastern region?

SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI: I am sure that the Makwana Committee will meet as and when necessary. There is no difficulty about it and as far as the new projects are concerned, I have listed all the new projects in my statement.

Use of Simple Hindi in Translation of Official Documents

*723. **SHRI R. P. DAS:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons as to why simple and natural Hindi is not used in the