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ANSWERED ON
NEW PLAN FOR SPEEDY DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

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Will the Minister of COAL DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Government is formulating a new plan for speedy development of the North Eastern Region, keeping in view the present gimmicks of China;
- (b) the status of implementation of Prime Minister's fund in the east; and
- (c) the details of construction of roads, electricity generation, railways and airports?

ANSWER

MINISTER, MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a):The prime responsibility of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region is to accelerate the pace of socio-economic development of the Region so that the North Eastern Region (NER) may enjoy growth parity with the rest of the country. This is to be achieved by planned strategy comprising following steps: -

(i)Formulating policies/programmes for the rapid development of the Region.

(ii)Intensifying interventions with other Central Ministries/Departments to spend 10% of their Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for the socio-economic development of the NER.

(iii)To develop infrastructure, especially to enhance connectivity in the Region – roads, railways, air, telecommunications and power, agriculture, tourism and food processing industries.

(iv)Facilitating mainstreaming of the Region through various programmes of the Ministry and also filling the resource gaps through various projects of the Ministry.

(b) & (c)As regards announcements made by the Prime Minister for the development of the North Eastern Region during his visits to the NE states from time to time, the implementation is undertaken by the concerned sector Ministries/Departments in coordination with the NE state governments. As regards projects covered under the Prime Minister's announcements in the specific sectors, the detailed information is hosted on the website of the Ministry (www.mdoner.gov.in).