

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE):

(a) The details of the ongoing/ delayed projects of the North Eastern Council (NEC) and those sanctioned under NLOPR are available on the website of this Ministry at www.mdoner.gov.in.

(b) to (d) In order to complete all ongoing/ delayed projects, sufficient budgetary provision is made in NEC's budget and their progress is monitored by this Ministry and the NEC at various levels. The completion of ongoing/delayed projects is a priority area of the NEC. The completion of the projects depends, inter-alia, on the utilization of funds by the State Governments in the Region and the release of 10% of the approved cost of each project by the State Governments.

Delegation of North-Eastern State Chief Ministers

1504. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister led a delegation of North-Eastern States Chief Ministers to Bangladesh;

(b) which Chief Ministers accompanied him and who were represented by other Ministers or not at all; and

(c) the outcome of the visit?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE):

(a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Destruction of biodiversity due to big dams

1505. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that the big dams of the hydro projects would actually be having adverse impact on climate change due to the destruction of the biodiversity, forests, rivers and so on;

(b) if so, the steps taken to stop the destruction, so far, in the North Eastern Region in particular; and