

issues, etc. Further, all projects are closely monitored and periodically reviewed at the Headquarter as well as the field units for expeditious completion.

(c) With the above efforts, delay in completion of NH projects has reduced significantly.

Progress of SARDP-NE

2598. DR. CHANDAN MITRA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 892 kms of roads have been constructed during last six years under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North East (SARDP-NE) against the target of 2900 kms;

(b) if so, the specific reasons for very tardy progress of work under SARDP-NE; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to fast track monitoring and supervising the progress of SARDP-NE and for ensuring time-bound execution of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA) : (a) to (c) A road length of 892 kms have been constructed during the last six years under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North East (SARDP-NE) against the target of 1283 kms. The slow progress of works under this programme has been mainly due to the delay in land acquisition, shifting of utilities and forest clearances by the concerned State Government Departments. Regular reviews of the projects are being taken up at various levels in the government to review the progress of project and to resolve the issues of implementation. In addition, the Ministry has recently set up three Project Implementation Unit (PIUs) headed by a Chief Engineer in the North Eastern Region in order to expedite the implementation of the programme.

Funds Earmarked for SCSP and TSP

2599. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds earmarked for Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) during the last five financial years as per the guidelines issued by Planning Commission *vide* its letter dated 26 December, 2006;