

(v) Agartala-Sabroom

(vi) Jiribam-Imphal

East-West Corridor: Total length of the Corridor in NER is 670 kms. Initially the Corridor was targeted for completion in 2008-09. Currently 472 kms. (69%) of the corridor has been completed. Revised target for completion is 2014.

The steps taken for accelerating the pace of implementation of projects *inter-alia* includes strengthening of field units of National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in NE and focusing on effective execution of projects and also setting of an Empowered Committee to monitor progress of projects besides putting in place more robust and result-oriented management system.

Global warming impact on Himalayan glacier

2027. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the global warming has an impact on Himalayan glacier;

(b) if the Himalayan glacier and Antarctica ice shelf melt and fall on sea, whether there would be any adverse impact on Indian subcontinent; and

(c) whether Government has any information in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) As per the studies conducted by the Geological Survey of India, the glaciers in Himalayan region are receding at varying rates in different regions. As per these findings, recession of glaciers could be the result from natural cyclic processes and other factors including, *inter-alia*, global warming.

(b) and (c) No such studies have so far been carried out to address such issues.

Dumping of wastage in Yamuna banks

2028. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that debris and other house-hold wastages are continued to be dumped in the Yamuna banks;

(b) whether Government is seized of this menace; if so, the details thereof;