**Connectivity through japan international Cooperation Agency**

1285. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a)    the role being played by the Ministry in facilitating the North East connectivity project with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA);

(b)    what are the nature of roadblocks that is preventing the project from taking-off; and

(c)    whether the Ministry has estimated the losses associated with the delay of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION(DR. JITENDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) is a coordinating and facilitating Ministry for the development of the North Eastern Region (NER). For processing of project proposals for support of external funding agencies including JICA submitted to the Department of Economic Affairs by the State Governments, comments of DoNER is sought as a nodal Ministry for NER. Keeping in view the overall development perspective of the State concerned and views of the concerned line Ministries of Government of India along with MHA, MEA and NITI Aayog, M/o DoNER firm up its views and communicate to DEA for further action. M/o DoNER is not involved in the subsequent steps for sanction or monitoring of project implementation. Therefore, the Ministry is not aware of the nature of roadblocks affecting implementation of the project. However, as per the information from Ministry of Road transport and Highways no time limit has been set for commencement and completion of road projects under JICA funding.

**Projects under SIDF in North Eastern States**

1286.    SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a)    whether it is a fact that under Social and Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF), projects are allocated to North Eastern States, if so, the details thereof;

(b)    how many projects have been selected under SIDF for North East;

(c)    how munch funds released/utilised, project-wise and year-wise so far; and

(d)    when the projects have been started and when it will be completed?