

Comprehensive document on planned works in North-East

3210. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NE Region Vision Document, 2020, report of Task Force on Connectivity and Promotion of Trade and Investment in NE States (2006) and Report of Working Group on Improvement and Development of Transport Infrastructure in the NE for National Transport Development Policy Committee (2012) are the main policy documents for development works in NE region;

(b) how far Government agrees that there exists no document to explain the details on status of implementation of projects and future plans; and

(c) whether Government would bring out any comprehensive document explaining the progress made on planned works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Development works in North Eastern Region are undertaken by various Ministries based on the inputs available with them including the above mentioned documents.

(b) and (c) Projects under Central Sector schemes are monitored by concerned line Ministries/Departments. The progress made on implementation of projects are documented by the concerned Central Ministries.

Smog and dust over Delhi

3211. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:

SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether abnormal pollution levels like huge smog and dust collected over Delhi and other parts of Northern India had been reported recently and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government has taken any measures to counter such situation and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

Widespread smog occurred at many places over Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, National Capital Region (NCR) and adjoining west-Uttar Pradesh during 29th October-6th November 2016. This phenomenon occurred mainly due to following reasons.