

inspections and corrective steps at the field level. Wherever making arrangements of the above kind involve some expenditure, they can, in most cases, be met from the funds available under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for Civil Works and annual recurring school grants.

5. I would be most grateful if you could provide personal leadership and direction in ensuring health and safety of school-children in your State. It would also be a good idea to observe 16th July, every year, as "School Health and Safety Day" and to organise safety drills and various other activities on that day to inculcate appropriate health and safety culture among teachers and students.

6. We would appreciate being apprised of the action taken in your State in the light of this letter

Yours sincerely

Sd/-

(Arjun Singh)

The Chief Ministers of all States
Chief Ministers of UTs of Delhi and Pondicherry

Impact of Flood Development Schemes in NER

***390. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:** Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the major on-going development schemes in North Eastern Region have been badly affected by recent floods in the region,

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of cost escalation due to floods; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to implement the schemes as per the schedule?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected.