

Building for North Eastern Cultural and Information Centre in Delhi

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

(a) whether Government had taken a decision to construct a building in Delhi to establish North Eastern Cultural and Information Centre for which land had been allotted;

(b) if so, the current status of construction of the building and what is estimated date for its completion; and

(c) what would be the proposed activities of the Centre and how far it would help the people of North Eastern Region residing in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A plot of land measuring 5341.75 sqm. (1.32 acres) has been acquired from DDA for the purpose. The CPWD have been entrusted to take up architectural consultancy and construction of the building. North Eastern Council (NEC) have allocated fund for starting construction work.

(c) The proposed activities of the Centre include showcasing of history, culture, rich heritage, festivals and cuisine of the eight States in the North East; establishing facilities for promotion of tourism; and to create Common Facility Centre, library, Knowledge and Resource Centre in the National Capital.

This Centre would facilitate dissemination of knowledge about the rich cultural heritage of the North East.

Development of service sector in the North Eastern Region

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

(a) whether it is a fact that certain focus areas including service sector development had been identified in Twelfth Business Summit for implementation in North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what initiative Government has taken towards the development of service