

ABSTRACT OF PRESENTATIONS

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1:30-1:50 Theme 1: Issues of Connectivity: Shri P K H Singh Adviser(Transport), NEC, DONER,GOI

“The connectivity became an issue for the North Eastern Region after the partition of the Country and East Pakistan was carved out of India. The GDP also fell down over the period as a result of the same. It was only after the 10th Plan that concerted effort was put in place by the Central Govt and special schemes were formulated. The SARDP-NE, Arunachal Package, National Projects for Railways, NEC funding for Airport development, Declaration of National waterway -2 for Brahmaputra and various other schemes for the Hills States. Although the programs were well conceived but due to the lack of knowledge of the hill region by the consultants, who framed the DPR, land rules of the area, environmental and forest issues, adverse weather conditions, security scenario in the region and logistics constraints the programs have been lagging behind considerably and also leading to the cost overruns. Efforts are being made to address the issues by formulating policies to suite the region but they are not enough and still a lot more needs to be addressed to have them sorted out. The connectivity of the State capitals by Air, Rail and four lane roads as also the district headquarters by two lane is a distant dream.”