Panel on water resources in northeast

The Vice-Chairman of the NITI Aayog will be heading a committee to study and offer suggestions on how to better utilise the water resources in the Northeastern region.

A statement of the Ministry for Development of North East Region (DoNER) said the Committee would submit its report by June 2018.

"The committee would facilitate optimising benefits of appropriate water management in the form of hydro-electric power, agriculture, bio-diversity conservation, reduced flood damage erosion, inland water transport, forestry, fishery and eco-tourism," said the Ministry.

Holistic approach

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the decision on August 1 when he visited Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh to survey the flood-hit areas.

Apart from an interim relief package of Rs. 2,000 crore, he had suggested a holistic approach to tackle the problems of floods and harness the water resources.

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