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Meghalaya	30	224.29	152.56	5	296.08	120.71
Mizoram	13	146.75	83.45	9	294.84	200.77
Nagaland	49	679.93	528.58	6	265.43	131.55
Sikkim	68	229.47	139.53	12	111.42	65.57
Tripura	30	348.00	139.60	4	328.01	147.31

(d) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), under Ministry of Rural Development, envisages connecting all habitations with a population of 500 persons or more in plain areas and 250 persons or more in hill States and the tribal Schedule V areas. Under PMGSY, the project proposal valued at ` 15,472 crore for construction of 8,636 road works measuring 35,631.57 Km have been sanctioned upto January, 2011 for the North Eastern States. Till January 2011, an expenditure of ` 8772.66 has been incurred against the amount of ` 9329.81 crore released under this scheme.

Development projects in NE Region

1581. DR. ASHOK S. GANGULY: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the major investments in projects, State-wise, employment generation and economic growth;

(b) the status of revival of India-Myanmar road and the proposal for railway track to open up in the east; and

(c) whether there is a need to take special steps to ensure the integration of the students from the North East as they migrate to other parts of the country in search of educational opportunities and employment?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE):

(a) Funds released under Schemes of the Ministry for implementing Projects for development of infrastructure in the North Eastern Region are its investments on these. During the last 3 years and the current year funds released for these developmental Infrastructure Projects are as under:

Under NLCPR Scheme

(Rs. In crore)

State	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Arunachal Pradesh	105.28	165.98	152.89	92.99
Assam	146.09	94.38	107.49	164.96
Manipur	61.86	84.35	90.09	50.37
Meghalaya	60.39	94.82	76.72	51.96
Mizoram	29.82	14.94	19.91	44.14
Nagaland	71.70	103.81	102.94	77.77
Sikkim	48.46	62.91	22.91	48.67
Tripura	112.40	39.19	95.67	61.12
TOTAL	636.00	660.38	668.62	591.98

Under SIDF Scheme

(Rs. In crore)

State	2009-10	2010-11
Arunachal Pradesh	10.00	27.98
Assam	-	1.48
Nagaland	-	22.99
Sikkim	7.42	-
TOTAL	17.42	62.45

NEC also invest on implementing these developmental projects. During 2007-08 it invested Rs.600 crore and during each of the year 2008-09 and 2009-10 it invested Rs.624 crore. During the current year it proposes to invest Rs.700 crore on these projects.

Investments made in the infrastructure projects indirectly generate employment opportunities and facilitate economic growth.

(b) India and Myanmar are proposed to be connected through a single road running on either side of the borders of both the countries. Earlier, the stretch of road in the Myanmar was to

start from Kaletwa which shall now start from Paletwa. DPR for this new stretch of road is being prepared. The stretch of road in India is to start from Lawngtlai in Mizoram. Technical specification of the road has been revised and consequently revised cost estimates for it are being worked out. "A Railway track is also to be laid for connecting Agartala in India with Akhaura in Bangladesh so as to open a link to the east. Joint survey of the Project is being conducted".

(c) Needs of students who come from North East Region for pursuing higher studies and for seeking employment outside the Region are being sought to be addressed. NEC has co-funded construction of a hostel for the students and one for working women from Region in Delhi. A Cell has also been created in the Ministry to ensure that students from the NE Region are not subjected to any discriminatory treatment.

Refusal of Australia to supply uranium

†1582. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Australia has recently refused to entertain India's request to supply uranium; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the details thereof and the further steps that Government is taking for getting required uranium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED):

(a) and (b) The Australian Labour Government which came to power at the federal level in December 2007 after 11 years of Liberal Coalition Government, reversed the decision announced by the previous Liberal Coalition Government in August 2007 to sell Uranium to India subject to certain conditions. The Australian government has clarified that its stand on the issue emanates from the Labour party's deeply held views on Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and is not India specific. The Labour government's policy of sale of uranium permits sale only to countries that have signed NPT.

Policy of China towards Arunachal Pradesh

†1583. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.