

and 700 MW from urban and industrial waste has been envisaged during the Twelfth Five Year Plan.

Progress under “North Eastern vision 2020” document

2024. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ‘North Eastern Region Vision 2020’ document released by the Prime Minister in July, 2007 continues to be the template to promote development in the North-East;

(b) whether the 17 inter-Ministerial working groups set up to monitor progress are still in operation;

(c) if not, what alternative arrangements have been made;

(d) whether Government would consider employing an academic institution such as the North East Hill University to monitor the progress;

(e) whether Vision 2020 has set a target of Rs. 14 lakh crore investment in NER by doubling the planned outlays in successive Five Year Plans from the Tenth to Thirteenth Plans; and

(f) if so, the proposed outlay for the Twelfth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) North Eastern Region Vision 2020 document released by Prime Minister in July, 2008 continues to be template for promoting development in North Eastern States. Assessment of requirement of infrastructural projects in North Eastern States is continuously evolving planning and policy formulation exercise and envisages in consultation and participation of State Governments, Union Government and other stakeholders.

(b) Seventeen Thematic Groups were constituted by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region to work out action plan to operationalize the vision, based on various disciplines/sectors outlined in Vision 2020 document. These Groups presented their findings for working out detailed action plan for development of North Eastern Region in the meeting held in Shillong on 3rd and 4th December, 2008. Action points posed by Thematic Groups were culled out for implementation by concerned Ministries and those Ministries are being pursued by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and North Eastern Council to implement the

action plan in relevant fields Concerned Ministries are invited to spell out their development plans and ongoing activities in North Eastern Region in North Eastern Council meetings.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Vision 2020 set a target of additional investment of around Rs. 13,29,891 crore at 2006-07 prices in North Eastern Region from 2007-08 to 2019-20 with a view to bring growth rates in North Eastern Region at par with overall national growth rates. Estimated investment is placed at Rs. 2,11,613 crore during Eleventh Plan; Rs. 5,05,499 crore during Twelfth Plan and Rs. 6,12,779 crore during first three years of Thirteenth Plan period. During Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) actual Plan Outlay for NER through various sources of funding works out to Rs. 1,84,155 crore, which does not include private sector investment in the Region.

(f) Projected requirement for Twelfth Five Year Plan of North Eastern Council is Rs. 21,507 crore.

High commissioners belonging to scheduled caste

†2025. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ambassadors and high commissioners posted in various countries of the world and number of persons belonging to Scheduled Caste among them; and

(b) the names of those countries where they are posted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) As on date there are 119 Ambassadors and High Commissioners posted to various Indian Missions abroad. Of these officers posted as Heads of Mission, 18 belong to the Scheduled Caste category.

(b) The countries in which these officers are posted are:

United Arab Emirates, Ghana, Azerbaijan, Switzerland, Romania, Denmark, Tanzania, Finland, Ukraine, Zambia, Mozambique, Belarus, Canada, Papua New Guinea, Democratic Republic of Korea, Morocco, Fiji and Namibia.

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