

Panchayati Raj and Women & Child Development, 4 lakh AWC buildings are to be constructed under the ICDS Programme by 2019.

Projects financed by NEDFi

*302. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objectives of the North-Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi);
- (b) the total number of projects financed by NEDFi since 2013, State-wise;
- (c) the total amount of loan financed by NEDFi from 2013 to 2016; and
- (d) the names of sectors under these projects financed by NEDFi, project and sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) The main objectives of the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) are:

- (i) to provide credit and other facilities for promotion and expansion of industrial enterprises, trade etc. in the North Eastern Region.
- (ii) to promote local entrepreneurship, including by micro-finance.
- (iii) to provide consultancy services.

(b) The total number of projects financed by NEDFi from 2013 to 2016, State-wise are as under:—

Sl. No.	State	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	45	51	43
2.	Assam	109	69	66
3.	Manipur	61	63	68
4.	Meghalaya	30	22	18
5.	Mizoram	56	38	36
6.	Nagaland	88	76	45
7.	Sikkim	75	49	69
8.	Tripura	79	60	77
	TOTAL	543	428	422

(c) The total amount of loan financed by NEDFi from 2013 to 2016 are given below:—

(₹ in crore)			
Financial Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Sanction	457.51	312.03	361.86
Disbursement	364.69	387.20	302.99

(d) The names of sectors under these projects financed by NEDFi, project and sector-wise are as under:—

Sl. No.	Sectors	No. of projects (2013-14 to 2015-16)
1.	Agriculture and Allied	54
2.	Bamboo and Wood Based Industries	20
3.	Construction Materials	20
4.	Educational and training institute	45
5.	Handloom and Handicraft	54
6.	Hospitals and Nursing Homes	20
7.	Hotels	113
8.	Iron and Steel	23
9.	Media and Printing industry	31
10.	Medical Equipments and Diagnostic Centers	21
11.	Microfinance	111
12.	Real Estate Industry	22
13.	Tiny Industry (services)	414
14.	Tourism and Leisure	35
15.	Trading and other services	410
TOTAL		1393

Australia-India Strategic Research Fund

*303. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research projects going on at present under Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF);