

annual basis as a part of the MoU with the administrative ministry. The MoU target for electricity generation from nuclear power for 2016-17 is 36000 MU excluding infirm (non commercial) power. Adequate quantity of fuel has been provided by the Government to meet the target. The generation in 2016-17 (upto February 2017) has been 34137 MUs (excluding infirm power). In addition, 2086 MUs of infirm (non-commercial) power has also been generated in the current year (upto February 2017).

(c) There is no proposal for private sector participation in nuclear power generation in the country. However, private sector is involved in a big way in nuclear power sector, in supply of components and equipment, execution of large work packages and in provision of services.

Objectives of SARDP-NE

3839. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the benefit of North Eastern Region and Sikkim, Government has taken up a Scheme of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North Eastern Region (SARDP-NE);

(b) if so, the major objectives of the scheme; and

(c) the total amount allocated for projects/schemes under SARDP-NE during 2015-16?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has formulated the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE) for North Eastern Region and Sikkim.

(b) The Scheme, SARDP-NE was formulated with the following objectives:

- Up-gradation of National Highways connecting State Capitals to 2/4 lane;
- Providing connectivity to 88 District Headquarter towns of NER by at least 2-lane road;
- Providing road connectivity to backward and remote areas of NE region to boost socio-economic development;
- Improving roads of strategic importance in border areas;
- Improving connectivity to neighbouring countries.

(c) The total amount allocated during the financial year 2015-16 for the projects/schemes under SARDP-NE was ₹ 4900.00 crore, against which expenditure was ₹ 4850.00 crore.