

address to the 65th Plenary of the North Eastern Council held on 27th May, 2016 suggested that the NEC needs to be re-oriented and upgraded as a state-of-the-art resource centre for the North Eastern States with necessary resources, knowledge and skills.

(b) A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, North Eastern Council and Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management (RGIIM), Shillong was signed on 15th October, 2016 for setting up of 'Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis in North East' at RGIIM, Shillong to provide strategic policy vision on behalf of NEC on subjects relevant to NER development like livelihood, Act East Policy, biodiversity, organic food basket, bamboo mission and horticulture as part of the efforts to build a virtual network of institutes.

Private Investment in NER

3200. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects taken up by Government for economic development of North Eastern Region (NER); and

(b) the total amount of private investment in the States of NER?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Union Ministries are implementing schemes in the North Eastern Region for socio-economic development. Some important projects include Special Accelerated Road Development Programme - North East (SARDP-NE) for development of roads, Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan, North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS), North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project (NERPSIP) and North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS) for Inter-State neglected roads. In addition to these projects, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region also provides funds to States of North Eastern Region under its Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) scheme and projects sanctioned under North Eastern Council.

(b) As per information provided by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, an

investment of ₹ 11466.22 crore has been made till date under North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP), 2007.

Allocation of funds for projects in North Eastern States

3201. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the North Eastern Council (NEC) funds are allocated to the North Eastern States and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the projects that have been retained for funding during the current financial year; and
- (c) the number of projects that have been selected for funding during the last two financial years and the amount of funds released so far, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) North Eastern Council (NEC) provides funds, within its budgetary outlay, for development of the North Eastern Region. NEC allocates funds for the projects submitted by the State Governments in their Annual Priority List, which have been retained and sanctioned.

(b) A total of 135 numbers of projects have been retained at an estimated cost of ₹ 937.78 crore from the Annual Priority List received from 8 NE States for the year 2016-17. Details of State-wise/Sector-wise retained projects is given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) During 2014-15, 44 numbers of projects have been sanctioned at an approved cost of ₹ 869.82 crore and ₹ 328.60 crore have been released as on February, 2017. The project-wise details are given in Statement-II (*See* below). During 2015-16, 119 numbers of projects have been sanctioned at an approved cost of ₹ 764.60 crore and ₹ 237.35 crore have been released as on February, 2017. The project-wise details are given in Statement-III.