

(d) The Monitoring of the investment is carried out by NEDFi on continuous basis. NEVF monitors the projects through a Management Information System (MIS) customized for each project on fortnightly or monthly basis depending on the requirement of the project. The investments and implementation of the projects undertaken under NEVF are monitored through submission of quarterly reports to Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), customized Management Information System (MIS) and Independent Investment Committee meant for the purpose.

#### **Role and functioning of North Eastern Council**

1769. SHRI K. G. KENYE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the North Eastern Council in the Constitution of India;
- (b) what has been its role and functions since inception;
- (c) the fund allocations to the NEC since the Third Five Year Plan in figures and percentage up to the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the funds allocated to the NEC during the three financial years period of 2017-18 to 2019-20 along with detail break-up of specific purposes meant to be spent against in figures and percentage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) The North Eastern Council (NEC) is not a constitutional body, but a statutory organization established under the North Eastern Council Act, 1971, as amended in 2002.

(b) Initially, NEC was an Advisory Body for North Eastern Region (NER). Now NEC is mandated to function as a Regional Planning Body for the North Eastern Region. The Council comprises Governors and Chief Ministers of constituent States and three members nominated by the President.

While formulating the regional plans for the North Eastern Region, it is mandated to give priority to schemes and projects, benefitting two or more States, provided that in case of Sikkim, the Council shall formulate specific projects and schemes for that State including the review of implementation of such project and schemes.

To fulfil its mandate, the NEC has been implementing various projects in different sectors. Over the years, NEC has achieved construction of 10500 kms. of roads,

supported installation of 695 MW of power plants, construction of transmission and distribution lines, improvement in infrastructure of 5 major airports and construction of new airport in Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh. A major livelihood programme has transformed the lives of over 120000 women in the NER.

(c) As the NEC was set up in 1971, the fund allocations made to the NEC since the Fourth Five Year Plan (1973-74) are given in Statement (*See* below).

(d) The funds to the tune of ₹4500.00 crore, including ₹ 1000.00 crore for North Eastern Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS), have been approved for allocation to the NEC during 2017-18 to 2019-20. The funds amounting to ₹ 1096.36 crore and ₹1156.00 crore have been allocated for financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively.

Some sectors have been identified as priorities like Bamboo; Piggery; Regional Tourism; Higher Education, Tertiary Healthcare and Special Intervention in backward areas; Livelihood project; Science and Technology Interventions in NER; Survey and Investigation and NER Promotion.

#### *Statement*

*The fund allocation made to the NEC since the Fourth Five Year Plan (1973-74)*

(₹ in crore)

Plan	Approved Outlay	Actual Allocation	Percentage
4th Five Year Plan (1973-74)	0.33	0.33	100.00
5th Five Year Plan (1974-75 to 1977-78)	65.11	65.11	100.00
<b>Rolling Plan</b> (1978-79 to 1979-80)	35.85	35.85	100.00
	47.00	47.00	100.00
6th Five Year Plan (1980-82 to 1984 -85)	417.15	417.15	100.00
7th Five Year Plan (1985-86 to 1989-90)	811.05	835.00	102.95
<b>Rolling Plan</b> (1990-91 to 1991-92)	202.00	202.00	100.00
	219.50	219.50	100.00
8th Five Year Plan (1992-93 to 1996-97)	1588.00	1452.00	91.44
9th Five Year Plan (1997-98 to 2001-02)	2079.00	2055.02	98.85
10th Five Year Plan (2002-03 to 2006-07)	2511.5	2511.50	100.00
11th Five Year Plan (2007-08 to 2011-12)	3248.00	3247.00	99.97