

of nuclear power viz. Siting, Design, Construction, Commissioning, Operation and Maintenance and waste management of nuclear power plants.

(b) Presently, nuclear power plants are set up in cooperation with Russian Federation in the country. Two power plants viz. Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP) 1 and 2 are already commercially operating. Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) for co-operation in peaceful uses of nuclear energy have been signed with 17 countries.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Funds allocated to North-Eastern Council

2563. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for the North-Eastern Council (all the States) during 2018-19 has not been disbursed by the Central Government, so far;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay;

(c) if not the details of schemes under the Ministry that have received funds and the States in the region which received them; and

(d) whether the Ministry is proposing a major change in their guidelines of the Council and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) An amount of ₹ 1156 crore has been allocated to North Eastern Council for the year 2018-19. The disbursement of funds by the North Eastern Council (NEC) is made project-wise on the basis of progress of the implementation of the projects and receipt of Utilization Certificates. ₹ 168.77 crore, of which ₹ 76.92 crore to NE States and Sikkim and ₹ 91.85 crore to other Agencies, have been released as on July, 2018.

(c) NEC has received funds under the following schemes;

(i) NEC Schemes – ₹ 906.00 crore and

(ii) North East Road Sector Development Scheme – ₹ 250.00 crore.

The State-wise release as on July, 2018 is given in Statement (*See* below).

The scheme of NEC - Special Development Project is now changed to be a Central Sector Scheme with 100% grant, instead of the earlier block grant on 90:10 basis.

(d) The NEC Secretariat had included the draft revised Guidelines (as an agenda item) in the 67th Plenary of NEC held in Shillong on the 9th and 10th July, 2018. The guidelines provide, *inter alia*, that the projects having regional character, requiring Inter-Ministerial intervention be taken up and total funds available to NEC would be bifurcated in two components (State component-60% and Central component-40%). The priority sectors have been identified as Bamboo; Piggery; Regional Tourism; Higher Education, Tertiary Healthcare and Special Intervention in backward areas; Livelihood project; Science and Technology Interventions in North Eastern Region (NER); Survey and Investigation and NER Promotion. A mechanism on the pattern of Standing Finance Committee with representatives from the concerned line Ministries and Ministry of DoNER would be constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary, NEC for approval of the projects costing between ₹ 5-15 crore. This is aimed at bringing synergy with programmes of other Union Ministries.

Statement

Details of State-wise release/expenditure as on July, 2018

Sl.No.	State	Fund released (₹ in crore)
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.86
2.	Assam	5.30
3.	Manipur	3.96
4.	Meghalaya	19.32
5.	Mizoram	9.12
6.	Nagaland	10.16
7.	Sikkim	19.82
8.	Tripura	5.38
TOTAL		76.92

Schemes for North-Eastern region

†2564. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state the schemes made by Government for the development of North-Eastern region during the last three years and the amount

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.