

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.

of budgetary allocation made for such plans, number of infrastructure related work which have been included in these schemes and out of them the number of projects which have been completed, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) has made the following schemes for the development of North-Eastern region during the last three years:—

(i) North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)

The Government has approved a scheme named North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) for development of North-Eastern region to be implemented by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER). It is a 100% Central Sector Scheme to be implemented till March, 2020. A sum of ₹ 1600 crore has been allocated for funding physical infrastructure relating to connectivity, power, water supply enhancing tourism and social Infrastructure relating to education and health sectors in North Eastern States. The projects related to the above mentioned sectors proposed by the State Governments in North East are being considered, in consultation with the respective line Ministries. Till date, 6 (six) projects costing ₹ 272.31 crore have been recommended for sanction for North Eastern States under this scheme.

(ii) Schemes of North Eastern Council (NEC) and North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS)

The Government has also approved schemes of North Eastern Council (NEC) and North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS) at a total cost of ₹ 4500 crore for 3 years *i.e.* 2017-18 to 2019-20. Under NERSDS, 3 (three) projects have been taken up and 1 (one) has been completed while 2 (two) are ongoing.

(iii) North East Venture Fund (NEVF)

North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) has set up the North East Venture Fund (NEVF) for North East Region. The capital commitment to the fund is ₹ 100.00 crore with an initial contribution of ₹ 75.00 crore consisting of ₹ 45.00 crore from Ministry of DoNER and ₹ 30.00 crore from NEDFi. The balance fund of ₹ 25.00 crore has been committed by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in-principle. The proposals are considered by the NEVF. For investment decisions, an Independent Investment Committee is formed, comprising of experts from the field of venture capital financing, banking, technocrats and representatives of investors, which