

2014-15 till date, ₹86.18 crore have been provided to the TRIs in North East Region to carry out various activities viz. research studies, evaluation studies, organization of training/seminar/workshop, organization of tribal festivals, baseline survey, publications, documentaries/documentation, organization of exchange visits etc., catering to promotion of tribal culture.

In addition, North Eastern Council also provided funds for projects aimed towards promotion of the cultural heritage in the North Eastern Region, including for allotment of land for construction of cultural and information centre in Delhi.

(d) New projects are considered based on proposals received as per the extant guidelines, within the overall availability of resources.

Funds available for North Eastern States

2405. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fund availability in the Ministry for development of North Eastern Region together with the purpose for which the funds were allocated;

(b) whether Government has issued some guidelines to the North Eastern States to expedite proper and timely utilisation and implementation of targeted programmes; and

(c) if so, whether the guidelines are being followed by States in letter and spirit and if not, what remedial actions are proposed by Government in the larger interest of the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) The details of funds allocated to different schemes of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region during 2018-19 are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) and (c) Funding and utilization under the different schemes of the Ministry are made as per extant guidelines of these schemes which, *inter alia*, also incorporate instructions about utilization/implementation by the State Governments.

Statement

Details of funds allocated for different schemes of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region in its Annual Budget 2018-19

		(₹ in crore)
Sl. No.	Schemes	Budget Estimate 2018-19
1	2	3
1.	North Eastern Council	925.00
	(i) Schemes of NEC	380.00
	(ii) NEC - Special Development Project (3601)	505.00
	(iii) NEC Constn/Imp of Roads of Eco Importance	40.00
2.	Central Pool of Resources for North East Sikkim	
	(i) Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources- State	692.00
	(ii) Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources- Central	310.00
3.	North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)	130.00
4.	Hill Area Development Programme	30.00
5.	Capacity Building and Publicity	20.00
6.	North Eastern Rural Livelihood Project (EAP)	180.00
7.	NE Road Sector Development Scheme - Programme	250.00
8.	NE Road Sector Development Scheme - EAP	334.27
9.	Special Development packages	
	(i) Special package for Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC)	20.00
	(ii) Special package for Karbi Anglong (KAATC)	40.00
	(iii) Special package for Dima Hasao (DHTC)	20.00
10.	Social and Infrastructure Development Fund [SIDF] Scheme	60.00
	Less amount met from Public Account for SIDF	-60.00
TOTAL - Scheme		2951.27

1	2	3
11.	Loan to NEDFi	30.00
12.	Loan to NEHHDC	2.00
13.	Loan to NERAMAC	2.00
14.	M Doner Estt.	14.73
TOTAL M DoNER		3000.00

Desertion of wives by NRI grooms

2406. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR:

SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:

SHRI RIPUN BORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been rise in incidents of NRI grooms deserting their Indian wives in the recent years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to give respite to such aggrieved wives of NRI grooms;

(c) whether Government proposes to make significant changes in the law pertaining to NRI marriages;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor; and

(e) the details of such incidents of NRI grooms deserting their Indian wives including Gujarat, Punjab and Kerala, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: (a) Between January 2016 and November 2018, this Ministry (including the Indian Missions abroad) has addressed 4189 complaints of distressed Indian women deserted by their NRI spouses. The year-wise data of the complaints addressed are as below:

Year	Number of Complaints addressed
2016	1510
2017	1498
2018 (Till 30th November 2018)	1181
TOTAL	4,189