

- (b) the details of development proposals received during the last three years;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that many such projects are getting delayed due to regulatory reasons;
- (d) if so, the details of all such projects; and
- (e) whether Government would ease the regulations to promote development works in the North Eastern region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) No Sir, this Ministry has been regularly receiving proposals from the North Eastern states, and during the last three years, projects to the tune of ₹3400 crore have been sanctioned under different schemes and packages of this Ministry like Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), Karbi Anglong Autonomous Territorial Council (KAATC), Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), Dima Hasao Autonomous Territorial Council (DHATC) and Social and Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF).

(c) to (e) Obtaining regulatory clearances is the responsibility of the State Government. The State Government of Mizoram has informed about one project of Solid Waste Management at Lunglei, sanctioned by this Ministry, being held up due to Environment Clearance. No other State from the North Eastern Region has informed about any project sanctioned by this Ministry being delayed on account of regulatory reasons.

Development of service sector in NER

2080. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that certain focus areas including development of service sector had been identified in 12th Business Summit for implementation in the North-Eastern Region (NER);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the initiatives taken towards the development of service sector in NER which was likely to generate employment opportunities for local people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Twelfth North Eastern Business Summit was organised by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Kolkata on 16th-17th November, 2017 in New Delhi in which North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC), a CPSE under the administrative control of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, had participated. The technical sessions deliberated on:

- (i) Skill Development in NE and Financing the Service sector;
- (ii) Promotion of tourism and hospitality sector in NE; and
- (iii) Regional Air Connectivity in NE and Development of Waterways for sustainable transport in the North East.

(c) The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) is implementing "North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme" (NESIDS) which aims to provide gap funding for creation of physical infrastructure relating to connectivity, water supply and power enhancing tourism and for creation of infrastructure in social sectors of primary and secondary health and education. The NESIDS will not only strengthen health care and education facilities in the region but will also encourage tourism thereby the employment opportunities for local youth.

The North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP), being implemented by Ministry of DoNER, aims to transform the lives of the poor and marginalized families in North Eastern States in a sustainable manner. NERCORMP has facilitated in establishing four community based micro-credit organizations in its project areas. The four community based Micro Credit Organisations provide credit support to 2900 SHGs for enterprise development which directly/indirectly helps in providing employment opportunities to approx. 2900 local people. NERCORMP also facilitated in establishing 4000 non-farm micro enterprises (during 2010-19) which are mostly entrepreneurship based. Thus, helped in providing employment opportunities directly/indirectly to minimum 4000 local people.

The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region is also implementing the North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) which addresses the needs of employment, income and natural resource sustainability of the rural population of the North Eastern Region. The skills development for youth has reached out to providing free training to about 4606 youth in the service sector jobs such as; Tour Guides, Hotel Management,

Hospitality management, Driving and motor Mechanics, Beauty and Wellness services, fine dining experts, Electrical assistants, Modern Office Management, masons, security services, Mobile repair technicians, TV/DTH technicians, AC repair technicians, Aviation sector workers, Bedside Patient Assistants, Lady Health Workers, Paramedics, Lab-technicians, Hospital general duty assistants and Nurses. Besides, 3,08,969 families have been involved in economic development activities raising them to increase the family income at least by 30% during the intervening 7 years' period.

Unauthorised access to portals of Government departments

2081. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many unauthorized access of the portals of various Government departments have been made by unscrupulous information technology companies in country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many websites have been hacked in recent times; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps proposed in this regard to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) With the proliferation of Information Technology and related services, cyber attacks is a global phenomena. Cyberspace is virtual and borderless, thus cyber attacks can come from anywhere, anytime and by anyone.

(c) and (d) As per the information reported to and tracked by Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) a total number of 199, 172, 110 and 25 websites of Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments were hacked during the year 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 (till May) respectively.

Government has taken several steps to prevent cyber security incidents and enhancing cyber security in the country. These, *inter alia*, include:

- i. Government has established National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC) for protection of critical information infrastructure in the country, as per the provisions of section 70A of the Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000.