

(b) Ministry of Civil Aviation has granted 'Site Clearance' and 'In-principle' approval on 18.01.2019 for setting up a New Greenfield Airport at Holongi, Itanagar, for which Airports Authority of India (AAI) has already initiated preparation of bidding documents. The State Government of Nagaland has proposed to set up a Greenfield airport at Ciethu, Kohima. As per the feasibility study conducted by the multi-disciplinary team comprising officials from Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and AAI in August, 2018; though the project is technically feasible, the financial implication of site development is exorbitant making the project financially unviable. A Greenfield airport at Pakyong, Sikkim was inaugurated on 24.09.2018 and is now operational. Tura airport, in the State of Meghalaya, is a non-operational airport. AAI has projected a requirement of 50.50 acres of land to the State Government of Meghalaya for the development of the airport for operation of ATR-72 type of aircraft.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has not received any proposal from the respective State Governments for the construction of an airport at Tuensang, Lunglei, Belomia and Churachandpur.

Monitoring of policies and special schemes in NER

3678. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has undertaken a review of policies and special schemes that are being implemented in the North Eastern Region (NER) during the last year;
- (b) if so, whether Government has made any changes in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has not undertaken any review of its policies and special schemes that are under implementation in the North Eastern Region during the last financial year.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.