

(c) and (d) The projects under NESIDS have been sanctioned during 2018-19 and 2019-20 and these are at various stages of implementation. Presently, there is no delayed project under NESIDS. As most of the sanctioned projects are at early stage of implementation, no study regarding economic impact of the scheme has been done yet.

Liabilities of North Eastern Council

1629. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has collected the data regarding the Total liabilities of the North Eastern Council since 2017 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has initiated steps to reduce any liabilities of the NEC since 2018-19 and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has initiated steps to close Special Development Projects within their completion date and the details of projects that have been delayed by three or more years since 2017-18?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, with respect to various projects sanctioned by NEC under various schemes implemented by it, the committed liabilities as on 01.04.2017 was ₹ 2905.83 crore, which has since been reduced to ₹ 1913.47 crore as on 31.01.2020. Release of funds to State for these projects depend on pace of implementation of projects by implementing agencies, receipts of UCs of previous releases etc. Regular follow up with State and Central Ministries was done to expedite the completion of ongoing projects and submission of utilisation certificates, so that liabilities could be cleared expeditiously.

(c) At the end of the Financial Year 2017-18, there were 74 projects, which were delayed by three or more years. Out of 74 projects, 47 projects have been completed as on 31.01.2020. Details of balance 27 projects which are delayed by three or more years from the scheduled date of completion are as under:-

Period	No. of projects
Delayed by more than 3 years but upto 5 years	03
Delayed by more than 5 years	24