

The 5G services are expected to be introduced gradually and advance to a full range of services as ecosystem and demand for services grows. The Present users has to buy 5G enabled smart phones in order to experience the benefits of 5G Technology.

#### **Development of infrastructure in North Eastern States**

†519. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of infrastructure development/other projects approved for development North Eastern States since 2014 to till date; and

(b) the total financial allocation for these projects and by when they would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Since 2014-15 to till date, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and NEC have sanctioned 549 projects costing ₹ 8640.08 crores under various schemes for the development of North Eastern States. During this period a total of 667 projects have been completed, including 32 projects which were sanctioned during the period. The remaining projects are at various stages of implementation.

#### **Assistance to make Cherrapunji a global tourism destination**

520. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is assisting in building of necessary infrastructure to make Cherrapunji a global tourism destination; and

(b) whether the North Eastern Council has allocated any funds for the above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Presently there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.