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DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES SECTORS IN NER

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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Planning Commission and the Central Government have been giving emphasis on BOT (Build, Operate and Transfer) and the Public Private Partnership (PPP) models in the development of infrastructure and services sectors in the North-Eastern States.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the resources rich eight North-Eastern States need more Government initiatives to exploit their resources instead of private initiative; and

(d) if so, the details of the Government initiatives in the North-Eastern States in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Government of India is committed to raising the investment in infrastructure for higher growth of the economy. Infrastructure shortages are the major constraints for sustainable and inclusive growth of the economy. The government is actively promoting Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in the key infrastructure sectors of transport connectivity, power, urban infrastructure, etc. PPPs are seen as an important tool for catching up with the infrastructure deficit, operationalized through various models guiding the degree of participation required between a public body and private entrepreneur for taking up projects. The concept of Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) is one of the forms of PPP.

(c): Government has taken initiatives for developing the key infrastructure (road, rail, inland water transport, power, etc.) in the North Eastern Region (NER) requiring huge investments. Some of the important projects under implementation are Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for NE (SARDP-NE), Trans Arunachal Highway, Railway Gauge Conversion and Line expansion programme (Jiribam-Imphal, Harmuti-Itanagar, Dudhnoi-Mehndipathar, etc), Upgradation of important Airports (Guwahati, Imphal, Agartala, etc.), New greenfield airport (Pakyong), Lower Subansiri hydel project, Kameng hydel project, Palatana power project, Bongaigaon power project, etc. PGCIL is also working out a detailed investment plan for transmission lines for evacuation of power.

Attempts have also been made both by the Central and the State Governments for investment through PPP mode for supplementing the resources required for infrastructure, which is crucial for exploiting the untapped resources of the region for faster growth. Response from the private sector to these initiatives is important factor in the development of infrastructure in the North East.

(d): The details of projects taken up in the North Eastern states so far through PPP mode are being collected.