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PACKAGE FOR ARUNACHAL PRADESH
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Arunachal Pradesh occupies a very critical position in the geo-political mosaic of the country due to its sharing International Border with three different countries;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has considered formulating a specific consolidated package for the border areas of Arunachal Pradesh;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) : Yes Sir. The State of Arunachal Pradesh shares long international border on three sides by Bhutan, China and Myanmar and Govt. of India recognizes its importance in the geo-political mosaic of the country.

(b), (c) & (d): North Eastern Region(NER) is a special focus area of the Government of India. Development and investment requirements of NER is being addressed through special funding arrangements like providing Central Plan assistance under the States' plans on liberal terms, funding of projects through North Eastern Council, earmarking of at least 10% of the budgetary support of the Central Ministries for development NER and assistance from Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources(NLCPR) created out of unspent balance of 10% earmarked fund. In addition, special funding arrangements have been made for taking up projects/ programmes in the specific areas like remote border villages of NER. In respect of Arunachal Pradesh, important projects

(road, rail, airport projects, border village electrification) have been taken up through various central agencies under the Prime Minister's package. Some of these projects are Trans Arunachal Highway, Railway Line to Naharlagun, 4-lane highway to Itanagar, Pare Hydroelectric Project(110 MW), 3000 MW Dibang Hydroelectric project, Greenfield Airport at Itanagar, development of Tezu Airport, Secretariat building at Itanagar, Electrification of 2061 villages and upgradation of Advanced Landing Grounds (ALGs) at Tuting, Mechuka, Pasighat, Along, Vijaynagar, Walong, Ziro and Tawang.

The above projects are at various stages of implementation. The project of Electrification of 2061 villages and Itanagar water supply project have been completed and a few other projects like Secretariat building at Itanagar, Railway Line to Naharlagun are nearing completion.