GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to introduce fresh initiatives for developing ecosystem for North Eastern States with special emphasis on creating value additions and market linkages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the initiatives taken for the development of infrastructure in North Eastern States during the last two years and current year, State-wise;

(d) the details of other initiatives with regard to setting up or upgradation of industrial training institutes for skill development of the youth of North Eastern States; and

(e) the details of funds provided in this regard, State-wise?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region [General (Retd.) V.K. Singh]

(a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. However, a project proposal "Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Forest Management in Mizoram", including some components for creating value additions and market linkages had been received from the State Government. The same has been returned to the State Government for necessary compliance.

(c) Initiatives taken by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region for the development of infrastructure in North Eastern States during the last two years and the current year, under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) in respect of roads are tabulated hereunder:-

A: Under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) Scheme:

(Rs. in crore) S1. No. State 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 No.of No.of No.of Road Value Road Value Road Value Projects Projects Projects 1 Arunachal 9 145.59 24 355.82 3 34.01 Pradesh 2 Assam 41 393.93 45 572.53 2 20.27 3 Manipur 4 23.45 11 146.13 0 0 4 Meghalaya 4 27.74 3 158.16 2 35.3 5 Mizoram 8 88.29 8 84.09 0 0 6 Nagaland 5 78.63 8 76.54 1 17.05 7 Sikkim 7 127.35 9 122.3 1 15.95 8 Tripura 6 69.49 5 72.11 0 0 Total 84 954.47 113 1587.68 9 122.58

B: Details of road projects undertaken by North Eastern Council (NEC) during 2012-13 are as under:-

(Rs. in crore) Sl. No. State 2012-13 No. of Road Projects Value 1 Arunachal Nil Pradesh 2 Assam 1 58.38 3 Manipur 1 147.71 4 Meghalaya Nil 5 Mizoram 1 134.70 6 Nagaland 1 158.31 7 Sikkim 1 29.09 8 Tripura Nil Total 5 528.19

NEC could not sanction new roads in 2013-14 due to its committed liabilities.

(d) and (e) Ministry of Labour and Employment has informed that a scheme namely; 'Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure in North Eastern States was formulated in 22011 at a total of Rs. 57.39 crore to enhance the existing infrastructure of skill development. The scheme is aimed at Upgradation of 20 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) by introducing three new trades per ITI and Supplementing Infrastructure deficiencies in 28 ITIs by constructing new hostel, boundary wall and supplementing old and obsolete tools and equipment. This scheme will continue up to 31st March 2017 at a revised cost of Rs. 149.80 crore with new component for "establishment of 14 ITIs" in 7 NE States.

The scheme has provision for Central assistance to States in following four components:

i) Upgradation of 20 ITIs by introducing three new trades per ITI;

ii) Supplementing infrastructure deficiencies in 28 ITIs by constructing new hostel, boundary wall and supplementing old and obsolete tools and equipment;

iii) Funding Monitoring Cells at Central & State Level; and

iv) Establishment of 14 New ITIs in 7 States. - New component approved on 16.8.2013.

An amount of Rs. 7578.19 lakh has been released so far to NE states as per details given below:-

Sl. State FUND RELEASED (Rs. in Lakh) No. Old1 New ITI2 SPMU3 Grand Total 1 Arunachal 587.57 723.15 36.18 1346.90 Pradesh 2 Nagaland 855.90 241.05 36.98 1133.93 3 Sikkim 308.20 0.00 29.80 338.00 4 Manipur 928.46 241.05 8.68 1178.19 5 Mizoram 483.48 482.10 22.94 988.52 6 Meghalaya 256.36 241.05 6.18 503.59 7 Assam 435.35 964.20 21.58 1421.13 8 Tripura 164.25 482.10 21.58 667.93 Total 4019.57 3374.70 183.92 7578.19

1 Fund for 'Upgradation' and 'Supplementing Deficient Infrastructure' components.

2 Fund released for establishment of new ITIs.

3 Fund released for State Project Monitoring Unit (SPMU) at State level.