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Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
LOK SABHA
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Question
Infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh

†1522. SHRI TAPIR GAO:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing assistance in construction of necessary infrastructure to make Arunachal Pradesh a global tourist spot;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated by the Government for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (d) whether North-Eastern Council has allocated any funds for the above mentioned works?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
[SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY]

(a) to (d) Yes Sir. Projects to improve tourism & other related infrastructure connectivity and access to tourist spots have been undertaken to attract tourists including global tourists to NER States. Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan' provides financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations etc for development of tourism infrastructure and facilities in the country. The projects under the schemes are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released

earlier etc. Under the scheme of Swadesh Darshan of the Ministry of Tourism, Mega Circuit at Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang has been sanctioned at a costs of Rs. 49.77 crore in 2014-15 and another North East Circuit viz. “Development of Nafra- Seppa- Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys- Sangdupota- New Sagalee- Ziro- Yomcha” has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 96.72 crore in 2015-16 in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

Some of the other initiatives undertaken by the Government for improving infrastructure connectivity in the State of Arunachal Pradesh *inter-alia* include Capital rail connectivity to Itanagar; Murkongselek – Pasighat Rail project at an estimated costs of Rs.414 crore; Tezu Airport at an estimated cost of Rs. 54.00 crore; new Airport at Holongi, Arunachal Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs. 645.63 crore; Capital Road Connectivity to Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh) Project (4 laning Nagaon bypass to Holongi) at an estimated cost of Rs. 4348 crore; Mobile connectivity in Arunachal Pradesh and 2 Districts of Assam at a revised cost of Rs. 2029 crore and Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening Transmission and Distribution System in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim with revised estimated costs of Rs. 9129.32 crore.

Under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, provides financial assistance for physical infrastructure projects relating to water supply, power and connectivity especially aimed at promoting tourism. The details of the projects sanctioned in the State of Arunachal Pradesh under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region for water supply, power and connectivity during the last three years from 2018-19 to 2020-21, funds released for tourism projects by the North Eastern Council, Shillong during the financial years from 2018-19 to 2020-21 in the State of Arunachal Pradesh are at **Annexure-I**.

Table-1:		
Projects sanctioned in the State of Arunachal Pradesh under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region during the last three years from 2018-19 to 2020-21.		
(Amount Rs. in crore)		
Year	No. of projects	Amount
2018-19	13	276.40
2019-20	4	105.18
2020-21*	-	-
Total	17	381.58

Note:* During 2020-21, State Government of Arunachal Pradesh utilized its entire normative allocation for projects in Health (especially for Covid-19 related projects) and Education sectors. Two (02) projects costing Rs.69.87 Crore in Health sector and One (01) project costing Rs.7.85 Crore in Education sector were sanctioned for this period.

Table-2:	
Funds released for tourism projects by the North Eastern Council, Shillong during the financial years from 2018-19 to 2020-21 in the State of Arunachal Pradesh	
Financial Year	Funds Released for tourism projects (Amount Rs. in crore)
2018-19	0.90
2019-20	6.02
2020-21	0.94
Total	7.86