

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.334**

TO BE ANSWERED ON: MARCH 27, 2018 / CHAITRA 6, 1940 (SAKA)

“NATIONAL INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND”

***334: SHRI KAPIL SIBAL**

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

- (a) whether National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) has been formed for investment in infrastructural projects;
- (b) if so, details of investments done since its formation till date;
- (c) whether Government invested ₹ 20,000 crore in NIIF and rest ₹ 20,000 crore was expected through fund raising with suitable instruments including off-shore credit enhanced bonds and attracting anchor investors to participate as partners in NIIF;
- (d) if so, the present status of funds and the details regarding investors, category/ investment instrument-wise, if any, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details regarding advisory services for infrastructure projects carried out by NIIF, if not, reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**FINANCE MINISTER
(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)**

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. *334 to be answered on Tuesday, 27th March, 2018 regarding National Investment and Infrastructure Fund raised by Shri Kapil Sibal, Member of Parliament.

(a) to (e): NIIF has been formed to invest in commercially viable infrastructure investments, combining Government contribution together with international and domestic commercial capital. NIIF has been set up as a trust registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") as a Category II Alternate Investment Fund ("AIF") under the SEBI (Alternative Investments Funds) Regulations, 2012 ("AIF Regulations"). Government of India has committed to invest an amount of ₹ 20,000 crore with approximately same amount to be raised from sovereign wealth funds, global pension funds and other institutional investors. NIIF is primarily an equity fund. NIIF has set up a Master fund and is in the process of setting up a Fund of Fund. In addition to Government of India, investors in NIIF Master fund include ADIA (Abu Dhabi Investment Authority), HDFC Group, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank and Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Limited. Investors hold units in the NIIF Fund as Instruments to their investment. NIIF has also set up an Investment arm NIIF Limited for undertaking Investment services.

NIIF Master fund has set up a Joint Venture (JV) platform with DP World to invest up to US\$ 3 billion of equity in the ports and logistics sector to acquire assets and develop projects in the ports sector, and beyond sea ports in areas such as river ports and transportation, freight corridors, port-led special economic zones, inland container terminals, and logistics infrastructure including cold storage. The Joint Venture platform has made its first investment in Continental Warehousing Corporation (Nhava Seva) Ltd (CWCNSL), an integrated multimodal logistics player in India.

NIIF partnered with Roadis, a Spanish highway company owned by PSP, a Canadian pension fund, to participate in the National Highways Authority of India TOT (Toll Operate Transfer) auction bid, where it was one of four bidders. NIIF is also partnering with DFID (Department for International Development), United Kingdom to set up the Green Growth Equity Fund as part of NIIF Fund of Funds where DFID, UK has committed to invest GBP 120mn.

NIIF Ltd provides fund investment management services to investors in NIIF funds. It does not have the objective of providing stand-alone advisory services for infrastructure projects.
