

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

LOK SABHA
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Question

Funds for Development of NER

3520. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to bring the North Eastern Council under the direct control of the Home Ministry and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated the first-ever Regional Road Corporation in the form of North-East Road Development Scheme to boost development and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any new policy/scheme to make funds available for projects critical to the development of North-Eastern States and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether his Ministry has approved a Detailed Project Report (DPR) worth Rs.480 crore for the development of cooperative sector in the State of Manipur and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures being taken to create a platform towards awareness and initiation of entrepreneurship development based on natural resources of the above region?

ANSWER

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Dr. Jitendra Singh]

- (a) No, Madam. The Government has not taken any such decision. However, *vide* Gazette of India Notification dated 7th July, 2018, the Union Home Minister has been notified as *ex officio* Chairman of North Eastern Council.

(b) Government has formulated a scheme titled North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS) to undertake upgradation of neglected roads on inter-state borders and also roads on international borders.

(c) Government has given approval for continuation of schemes of North Eastern Council from 1st April, 2017 to 31st March, 2020 at a total outlay of Rs.4500 crore for various focus areas, including bamboo development, value chain in piggery sector, regional tourism, higher education, tertiary healthcare (including health education) & special intervention in backward areas, Sixth Schedule Areas, Livelihood Projects, Science & Technology interventions in the North Eastern Region (NER), Surveys & Investigations of projects in power, irrigation and flood control, promotion of the North Eastern Region and North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS).

(d) No, Madam.

(e) The Ministry has supported several awareness programmes for entrepreneurship development including workshops conducted by North East Development Finance Corporation (NEDFi), North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC), etc. Besides, under the livelihood programmes North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) & North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP) entrepreneurship development based on natural resources is encouraged.
