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Proceedings of the
North Eastern Council Plenary held on 26th and 27th May 2016 at the State
Convention Centre, Shillong

PART A
TECHNICAL SESSIONS

In connection with the 65th Plenary meeting of the North Eastern Council, 3 technical sessions were held. In these technical sessions various Central Ministries made power point presentations highlighting their programmes for the North Eastern Region, achievements and future plans. The following Ministries made presentations:-

- (a) Ministry of Agriculture
- (b) NE Space Application Centre, Department of Space
- (c) Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (Deptt. of Telecommunication)
- (d) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- (e) Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
- (f) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- (g) Ministry of Commerce & Industries
- (h) Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance
- (i) Ministry of Inland Waterways
- (j) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- (k) Ministry of Food Processing
- (l) Ministry of Power
- (m) Ministry of Tourism
- (n) Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
- (o) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (p) Ministry of Railways
- (q) National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited
- (r) Ministry of External Affairs

Copies of power point presentations have been sent to the States for perusal and record. Since the presentations were very voluminous, the hard copies are not attached in the proceedings. Some of the highlights of the presentations and discussions that took place are summarized in the following pages –

Technical Session I

The 65th NEC Plenary held on 26th and 27th May 2016 at Shillong began with a Technical Session. **Technical Session I** held on 26th May 2016 (morning) was on the subjects listed below. The session was chaired by Shri C.K. Das, Member NEC.

1. **Issues on Organic Farming, presented by Smti Rani Kumudini, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI, New Delhi:**

The presentation was on the Ministry's mission on organic value chain development. The project strategies of the mission include identification of potential crops, assistance to the States in marketing, certification training, packaging branding etc. To take advantage of the mission, the States have to form State Level Apex Committee and hence to identify a state nodal agency. Sikkim is already taking the lead in this matter. The programme is commodity specific. All the NE States were requested to take advantage of this scheme as most of the produces in the states like Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland etc. are organic by default. During the discussion, States requested for proper handholding from the Ministry. In this regard, GI patenting of the indigenous produces would be helpful.

2. **Application of Space Technology, presented by Dr P.L.N. Raju, Director NE Space Application Centre (NESAC), Umiam, Shillong:**

The presentation was about the current activities of NESAC in terms of remote sensing applications, natural resource management, disaster management and capacity building of the state agencies etc. The technology developed by the Centre is being used by the States in NER in term of hazard risk vulnerability assessment, telemedicine, satellite communication, weather prediction, forest mapping, wasteland mapping, land erosion mapping, crop assessment etc. It was mentioned that the reports of NESAC are available through web portal for easy accessibility. Flood Early Warning System developed by NESAC is being widely used in Assam. NESAC also promised help in monitoring of all NEC/ MDoNER projects. On a query of Nagaland, it was stated that NESAC also have ground water mapping. All NE States were requested to take the advantage of NESAC for development planning.

3. **Issues on Telecommunications, presented by Shri Nitin Jain, DDG, DOT, GOI:**

The presentation was on the telecom network of the NE Region. It was revealed that the rural teledensity in the NE Region is now comparable to the All India level. Mention was made about the comprehensive Telecom Plan prepared by the Ministry for the NER. The recent opening of the alternate internet gateway via Agartala was also highlighted. It was stated that by 2018 all village Panchayats of the NE Region will be linked with internet either through optical fibre Network

(Bharat-net) or through satellite/ radio link. States like Tripura observed that due to poor BSNL connectivity ambitious programmes like DBT, expansion of banking correspondent's scheme are suffering. It was agreed that there is urgent need for improving connectivity with proper bandwidth in the NER.

4. Issues on Human Resource Development, presented by Shri B.K.Pandey, Economic Adviser, Higher Education, GOI:

The presentation was on the higher education scenario in the NER and the initiatives taken by the Ministry. It was revealed that NER has more number of institutes of higher learning in terms of the total population as compared to rest of India. The Gross Enrolment Ratio is satisfactory for the region. High literacy rate coupled with favourable gender parity ratio and young population will give rich demographic dividend for the region. It was revealed that all the NE States are having at least one Central University. Besides, one IIT and one IIM are also in the region. It was further revealed that several institutes of the region are occupying top positions in the newly introduced National Institutional Ranking Framework. Mention was made about Ministry's scheme for establishment of model degree colleges, community colleges, upgradation of polytechnics and 'Ishan Uday' scholarship scheme. The State Governments of the NE States were requested to take advantage of various schemes of the Ministry. House also expressed opinion that NER needs more high quality institutes with proper infrastructure and faculty.

5. Issues on Skill development, presented by Dr. Sapna Poti, National Skill Development Corporation, New Delhi:

The presentation was about the strategy adopted by the newly created Ministry for fulfilling the Skill India Mission. Mention was made about role of various agencies like NSDA, NSDC, NSQF, DGET, IIE, NIESBUD in the skill mission and entrepreneurship development programme. Skill gaps study of NER done by NSDC was also mentioned. Hospitality, Tourism, Handloom & Handicrafts, Food Processing, Sports are the rising sectors for the NER. Status of implementation of PMKVY was discussed. Importance of grooming local Training Providers was stressed. Government of India proposes to set up one multi skill centre in each district of NER. 40 centres have already been set up. Modernization of ITIs was also stressed. The efforts made by IIE, Guwahati in cluster development in gems and jewellery etc were highlighted. NE States should take advantage of the various schemes of the Ministry.

6. Issues on Tribal Development, presented by Dr. Bala Prasad, MD TRIFED, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GOI:

The presentation was on various activities of the Ministry and the schemes available under TRIFED. Ministry strives for all round development of Tribal population through protection of legal rights, preservation of cultural tradition, skill development, etc. TRIFED concentrates on quality upgradation of tribal produce, storage, transportation, marketing and training. They have their own

showrooms and organize artisan melas. Marketing of minor forest produce is a major scheme under TRIFED which is relevant in NE States in terms of Bamboo, Medicinal Plants etc. In the bamboo sector, TRIFED already have engaged in technical upgradation and marketing. However, there is a need to delink bamboo from the current categorization as timber in the Forest Act. NE States should take benefits from collaboration with TRIFED.

7. Issues on Agriculture Processing and Exports, presented by Shri S.S Nayyar, General Manager, APEDA, New Delhi:

In the presentation, the various activities taken by APEDA in NE States were briefly narrated. Besides providing marketing support for exports, they give grant for infrastructure development also. APEDA helps the entrepreneurs through their Agro Exchange Portal and Market Reports. They are also associated as nodal agency for National Programme for Organic Production. They have developed infrastructure like Cold Storage, Common Pack Houses in various places of NE States for agricultural produces like chilly, ginger, pineapple etc. Under organic programme, APEDA is facilitating organic certification for the exporters and also related capacity building. NE States should take advantage of the schemes of APEDA.

8. Issues on expansion of Financial Services, presented by Shri B.Bhaskar, DGM, State Bank of India:

The presentation was about the expansion and reachout of the banking facilities in the NE States and also on the achievement under PMJDY. Substantial increase in bank branches and ATM are recorded in NE States. The banks in NE States have achieved great success by opening of around 93 lakhs accounts till April, 2016 which is commendable. But there is a long way to go in the NE States in terms of providing more bank branches to the remote districts and also for improvement of Credit Deposit Ratio. The States with their designated SLBC should facilitate the banks in reaching remote rural areas. Greater financial literacy is required in this regard for the common man.

9. Issues on Inland Waterways, presented by Shri A.K.Bansal, Director, IWAI:

The presentation was on the efforts by the Ministry for development of waterways in the NE States. River Brahmaputra was declared as National Highway No. 2 long back. Now, under National Waterways Act, 2016, 19 new national waterways have been declared for NE States. Out of this, 11 are in Assam, 5 in Meghalaya and one each in Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland. Development of waterways has given boost to River Cruise, eco tourism and bulk goods transport. Ministry desires to develop Brahmaputra as all weather navigable from Dhubri to Sadiya by maintaining fairway, dredging, navigation aid and establishment of terminals with cargo handling equipments and vessels. A Ship Repair Facility has been developed in Pandu near Guwahati which will be the first in NE States. Indo-Bangla Trade & Transit Protocol is facilitating movement of cargo from Kolkata/ Haldia to Karimganj/ Guwahati and vice-versa. NE States should take advantage of the existing waterways in development efforts of the region.

Technical Session II

Technical Session II was held on 26.5.2016 (afternoon) on the subjects listed below and was chaired by Shri C.K.Das, Member NEC.

1. Issues on Roads sector development, presented by Shri V.K.Rajawat, Chief Engineer (NER), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, GOI:

The status of implementation of the various road projects under Central Sector Schemes like SARDP-NE (Phase-I & II), Arunachal Package, 'Setu Bharatam' Project etc were presented. Currently MoRTH, BRO, NHIDCL and State PWDs are active in these projects. In this regard, it was further mentioned that financial power of the field level functionaries have been suitably enhanced for speedy implementation of projects. Local contractor's capability has increased lately and they are taking up large projects which is a good sign for the region. Dhola-Sadiya bridge, the longest road bridge in the country is nearing completion and much awaited Bogibeel road-cum rail bridge (executed by Indian Railways) also nearing completion.

2. Issues on Food processing, presented by Shri Jagdish Prasad Meena, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing, GOI:

In the presentation, it was urged that the State Governments of the NE Region should take advantage of the various programmes of the Ministry to reduce the huge wastage of agricultural produce in the region. Schemes like development of Mega Food Park, Cold Chain and Abattoir development are beneficial for the region. NE State Governments should mobilise the entrepreneurs of the region to take advantage of the schemes. Assam Government was particularly urged to utilise to the full potential of the Mega Food Park facility already developed at Tihu, Assam. The Ministry also provide assistance for creating Food Testing Laboratory, capacity building and Research.

3. Issues on Power Development, presented by Shri B.P.Pandey, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, GOI:

Mention was made about the comprehensive schemes of System Improvement currently being implemented in the NER at the cost of around Rs. 10,000 crores. The Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Jyoti Yojana has also made considerable progress in the region. Similarly, for the urban area also, Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) have been launched. Regarding hydropower, it was mentioned that less than 10% of the total potential of the region has been realized. One of the biggest project i.e., the Subansiri Hydro Project is not progressing due to some social issues. Hydro power is becoming costly so the Discoms are reluctant to purchase. In developing new power utilities, several issues like environmental clearance, wild life displacement etc are slowing down the projects in the region.

4. Issues on Civil Aviation, presented by Dr.B.P.Sharma, CMD, Pawan Hans:

The presentation was on the current scenario of civil aviation in the region and also problems affecting growth of civil aviation sector in the region. In this regard Pawan Hans Limited can ease the problems faced by air travellers in the region. Pawan Hans presented a proposal in this regard in front of the House for providing inter-state and even inter district connectivity in the region at affordable cost and convenient schedule in the hub and spoke model. The air connectivity in the NER should be a combination of large aircrafts, small fixed wing aircrafts and helicopter services. The services could be used for passenger, large cargo, postal services and emergency medical services. State Governments of the region emphasized on upgradation of existing airports of the region.

5. Issues on Tourism, presented by Shri R.K.Bhatnagar, Additional Director General, Ministry of Tourism:

The presentation was based on 'Paradise unexplored' theme of the Ministry for the region. All the NE States were urged to take advantage of the newly launched scheme like 'PRASAD' and 'SWADESH DARSHAN'. It was stated that tourist footfall in the region is increasing in terms of both domestic and international tourists. In this regard, NE States should take advantage of Ministry's schemes for infrastructure development as well as for promotion and marketing. NEC, Ministry of DoNER may help the NE States in completing the unfinished projects taken up under the recently closed PIDDC scheme.

Technical Session III

Technical Session III held on 27th May 2016 (morning) was on the subjects listed below. The session was chaired by Shri Shrinivas Dadasaheb Patil, Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim

1. Issues on Drinking Water and Sanitation, presented by Shri Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary,

Drinking Water and Sanitation:

It was mentioned that all the NE States are doing fairly well in Swacch Bharat Abhiyan. Sikkim has already been declared as 'Open Defecation Free'. Rest of the States like Mizoram, Meghalaya and Nagaland will soon achieve the status. Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), the progress of the NE States are more or less satisfactory. In terms of coverage of habitations under NRDWP, Arunachal Pradesh has achieved 80% coverage against All India average of 76%. It was also revealed that the ground water position in NE States is quite satisfactory and ground water extraction is not an issue in the NER.

2. Issues on Border Area Development Programme, presented by Shri S.Kumar, Secretary (BM) MHA:

It was mentioned that NER have international boundaries with 5 countries (5484 km of border). BSF, Assam Rifles, SSB and ITBP are manning the border in separate locations. They are using high-tech equipments like Radar, sensors, laser equipments and latest communication devices to do the surveillance. It was also mentioned that assets are being created in the border areas under the BADP programme of the Ministry. The Ministry is also developing integrated check posts in Agartala and Moreh. ICP in Dawki is under construction. All the State Governments were requested to give helping hand and facilitate early completion of all BADP projects and completion of border fencing. Any reservations in the matter of border fencing could be discussed across the table.

3. Development of Railways, presented by Shri. H.K. Jaggi, GM, NF Railways:

Ministry's plan for linking all State capitals of the NE Region by 2020 was revealed. It was stressed that currently 25 projects are ongoing in NE Region with a cost of Rs. 63,000 crore. Rs. 30,000 crore has already been spent on constructing/ upgrading 2500 kms of railway line in the region. The target is to add another 1500 kms at a cost of Rs. 34,000 crore. Broad gauge conversion is progressing satisfactorily in the region and only 43 km of meter gauge line remains to be converted. The much awaited Bogibeel rail-cum-road bridge is nearing completion and expected to be commissioned by the end of 2016. Railway is committed to provide connectivity through NER to Bangladesh and Myanmar also. Railway is using most advanced technology in construction work in the region.

4. National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, presented by Shri Anand Kumar, MD, NHIDCL.

It was mentioned that NHIDCL was created in 2014 for fast pace construction of National Highways and other infrastructure in the NER and strategic areas of the country. They are using latest technology, e tools and regular consultation with the stakeholders for smooth execution of the projects. Currently, they have got 83 projects in NER at the cost of Rs. 4966 crores across all the NE States. In 2016-17, it is expected that some projects in road sector will be awarded by the Ministry of DoNER to the NHIDCL for execution. They will be inter-State projects connecting States like Assam, Nagaland Arunachal Pradesh etc.

5. Issues concerning Act East Policy, presented by Shri Partha Satpathy, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, GOI.

The presentation focussed on the efforts of Government of India under Act East Policy focusing on NER. The components are trade & investment, technology, energy, security, free trade agreement and economic integration. Towards the end, MEA has taken up various projects in NER like Kaladan Multi Modal project, India/ Myanmar/Thailand Trilateral Highway, Transit Transport agreement, Motor Vehicle agreements with Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal, Rit-Tidim Road projects, development of Buddhist circuit etc. MEA will take into consideration the political security dimension, various existing regional organization like ASEAN and cultural links with the neighbouring countries. States division of MEA is looking after the affairs of NER in the Ministry.

PART – B
PLENARY SESSION: 26.5.2016 (Afternoon)

Discussion on the Agenda Items in the Plenary Session of the North Eastern Council chaired by Hon'ble Chairman

Shri Ram Muivah, Secretary, NEC welcomed the Hon'ble Chairman and Hon'ble Governors of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam & Nagaland, Manipur and Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura to the 65th Plenary of the NEC. He also welcomed the Chief Ministers of Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim. He also welcomed the Finance Minister of Tripura and all the participants attending the 65th Plenary of the NEC.

1. Agenda item No.1: **Confirmation of the proceedings of the 64th Plenary of NEC held on 9th & 10th April, 2015.**

1.1 The proceedings of the 64th Plenary of NEC were confirmed.

2. Agenda Item No.2: **Tabling of Action Taken Report on the 64th Plenary**

2.1 The Action Taken Report on the 64th Plenary of NEC was accepted by the Council.

3. Agenda item No.3: **Report on NEC – Secretary, NEC**

3.1 The **Secretary, NEC Shri Ram Muivah** made a power point presentation of his report to the Council which was accepted by all the Members of the Council. The full report of Secretary, NEC is placed in the **Annexure**.

4. Agenda Item No.4: **Approval of the Draft Annual Plan 2016-17**

4.1 Discussing the Draft Annual Plan 2016-17 of NE Council, the **Chief Minister, Meghalaya Dr.Mukul Sangma** pointed out that the allocation of Rs 800 crore for the NEC for 2016-17 with an increase is just Rs 27 crore over the previous plan is not at all sufficient. He wondered how the crucial sectors identified by the States will be addressed with this meagre increase.

4.2 **Shri Ram Muivah,Secretary, NEC** explained that the major portion of the NEC budget for 2016-17 would go for clearing of liabilities of NEC for ongoing projects in the NE States which stands at Rs 2314 crore as on 31st March 2016. He also mentioned that NEC selects only important projects and funds are provided project-wise as per the retained list of

projects for the States. A major chunk of the NEC budget goes for Transport and communication, Agriculture and Human Resource Development Sectors.

4.3 **Dr.Mukul Sangma** pointed out that power sector challenges are there in the NE Region with a huge locked up hydro potential and as such the Council should resolve to increase the budget allocation for 2016-17.He wanted the NE Council to take a firm decision and have urge the Government of India to increase the budget of NEC for the development of the region.

4.4 **Dr.Jitendra Singh, Minister DoNER and Chairman, NEC** was in agreement with the Chief Minister of Meghalaya in terms of increasing the allocation for NEC. He also opined that the annual budget increment of DoNER and NEC is only symbolic. He felt that a collective resolution could be taken on the suggestion of the Chief Minister of Meghalaya on the need for increase of budget to NEC.

4.5 Secretary, DoNER intervened that in addition to the normal budget of NEC, Orphan Roads scheme (NERDS) is also being transferred to NEC from DoNER.

4.6 **Shri T.R. Zeliang, Chief Minister, Nagaland** felt that only Rs 800 crore for 8 NE States is insufficient and suggested that Ministry of DoNER should facilitate a meeting of PMO, NITI Aayog and Finance Ministry to see that the budget of NEC is enhanced. Chairman, NEC stated that this suggestion can be put across formally.

4.7 **Governor of Assam & Nagaland, Shri P.B.Acharya** suggested for making the best use of the available funds with NEC and restricting its uses to selected few projects that are important. He felt that Power and Skill development have not been given due importance in NEC Annual Plan.

4.8 **Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister DONER and Chairman NEC** was in sync with the suggestion of the Governor of Assam and added that there is a need to see how best an amount of Rs 33000 crore allocated to the region during the current year through non-exempted ministries of GOI is put to best use. He also advised the North-eastern states to fully utilize their allocations from the Central Ministries and added that many a time, the states are not able to utilize the full allocation. He emphasized that Rs 33000 crore allocated to the NE Region should not go back unutilised.

4.9 **Shri Tapan Chakraborti, Finance Minister, Tripura** reminded that the Council in 2013 proposed a plan of Rs 21507 crore for the 12th Five Year Plan but the NEC was allocated only

Rs 6108 crore, which is only 28.4% of the demand proposal for the 12th Five Year Plan, and the actual allocation was Rs 3621 crore which is only 59% of the proposed allocations. He also advocated that the NEC fund should be equitably distributed for which a mechanism should be in place.

4.10 **Secretary, NEC** informed the Council that Minister DoNER had already met the Hon'ble Finance Minister and requested him to enhance the budget of NEC to at least Rs. 2000 crore.

4.11 After the discussion, the Council approved the Annual Plan 2016-17 of NEC.

5. Agenda item No.5: **Approval of Amendment of the Revised NEC General Guidelines**

5.1 **Chief Minister of Nagaland** desired that more time should be given to study the proposed Amendment of the Revised NEC General Guidelines so that the Members of NE Council would provide their opinion on the need to amend the guidelines. Chairman, NEC also agreed that time is required to study the same. It was decided that time be given to study the amendment of Revised NEC General Guidelines.

6. Agenda item No.6: **NE- Organic Capital of the North East.**

6.1 **Chairman, NEC** emphasized that the North East should be the Organic Capital of the North East as the region has a huge potential in this area.

6.2 **Shri Pawan Chamling, Chief Minister of Sikkim** shared his experience on how Sikkim started its journey of organic Mission in 2003 and the exercise was completed in 2013. This journey undertaken 13 years ago was started without any Central Government grant and the Government of India provided Rs 40 crore only in 2016.

6.3 The Council endorsed the agenda item.

7. Agenda item No.7: **North Eastern Road Sector Development Scheme (Upgradation and maintenance of orphan roads, inter-state roads etc.**

7.1 **Secretary, NEC** informed the Council that the scheme is being transferred to NEC from DoNER and Rs. 150.00 crore is available for this Financial Year. The scheme will be implemented by the NHIDCL.

7.2 **Shri Tathagatha Roy, Governor of Tripura** informed the Council that Tripura has been cut off by road except by air and that the Council should take note of this emergency. Governor of Assam wanted the PM to take a call on the issue and suggested to pass a

resolution. Secretary, DoNER further on clarified the suggestions of the Governor of Tripura while the Chief Secretary of Assam informed that fresh bid has been floated for repair of NH 44. At this point the Chairman, NEC interjected and stated that call attention motion on the matter is allowed but this is not part of the agenda and hence the Council may not be able to take a decision. The Chief Minister of Assam was of the opinion that one should be sympathetic to help the neighbouring State of Tripura.

7.3 Council endorses the agenda item.

8. Agenda Item No.8: **Assistance for procurement of agri and horticulture produces including medicinal plants to give remunerative price to farmers to be implemented by Central/ State Agencies**

8.1 The Agenda item was cleared without much discussion.

9. Agenda Item No.9: **Extension of runway at Umroi Airport, Shillong**

9.1 **Chief Minister Mukul Sangma** expressed his happiness that the extension of runway for Umroi Airport was part of the agenda for discussion as the State had spent substantial amount on land acquisition for the project. He said that the villagers had willingly shifted from the area so that the runway could be expanded and the airport could be made fully operational.

9.2 **Dr. Jitendra Singh, Chairman, NEC** meanwhile, remarked that considering the fact that Shillong is a sought after destination, the State should have a full fledged airport and NEC had therefore taken up the extension of runway at Umroi Airport in right earnest in its agenda for the Plenary.

9.3 Agenda was passed.

10. Agenda Item No.10: **NE Tourism Development Council**

10.1 **Shri Ram Muivah, Secretary, NEC** explained that out of the 34 Tourist Circuit identified in the Tourism Master Plan, 13 has been shortlisted for immediate development. The Plan estimated the implementation of these circuits at a cost of Rs 6000 crore of which Rs 2900 crore is expected to come from the Private Sector. Hence this proposed tourism development council will be in the PPP mode headed by a professional CEO. This agenda was cleared without any further discussion.

11. Agenda Item No.11: **Partial assistance to States/NGOs for setting up of an iconic skill centre/infrastructure for NER Youths in collaboration with NABARD 50%**

11.1 **Secretary, NEC** explained that in order to set up this iconic skill centres the NEC Secretariat will work out the details.

11.2 **Shri Naveen Verma, Secretary, Ministry of DoNER** stated that Skill requirement is mainly in Services Sector in the region and as such he wanted to know from the Members of NEC whether the NEC can support the setting up of such a skill centre if some NGO can raise 50% of the funds.

11.3 **Dr. Mukul Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya** pointed out that the North East do not have competent NGOs who would be able to take part in such a proposal and suggested that the Corporate Sector may also be involved for setting up such skill centres.

11.4 **Dr. Jitendra Singh, Chiarman, NEC** stated that the NEC should not rush on this agenda to involve the NGOs for setting up of iconic skill centre and this could be thought of later. DoNER collaborating with the NE States will not invite problems and to involve NGOs on this subject there is still time to think. He therefore suggested having a small survey and short listing of competent NGOs and then a decision be taken. However setting up of such skill centres in the government sector will not be a problem.

12. Agenda Item No.12: **Act East Secretariat in NEC in collaboration with IIM, Shillong**

12.1 **Chairman, NEC** suggested that since Act East Policy is MEA's programme, therefore there is a need to discuss the matter with Ministry of External Affairs and take the Ministry to confidence before proceeding further.

13. Agenda item No.13: **Any other Agenda items with the approval of the Chair.**

13.1 Agenda Item No.13 (A): **Sponsoring of students belonging to the BPL category parents for studying in ARPS in the North East**

13.1.1 **Chairman, NEC** suggested that a proper methodology should be worked out for selection of schools and the students. However in principle the agenda item was agreed.

13.2 Agenda Item No 13 (B): **Upgradation of the Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research in Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.**

13.2.1 After discussion, the proposal was accepted by the House.

The decisions taken on the August House in the Plenary are placed in tabular form in **Annexure – A.**

PART – CDecisions taken on the Agenda in the 65th NEC meeting held in Shillong on the 26th and 27th May 2016

Agenda No	Content	Decision
1	Confirmation of the proceedings of the 64 th Plenary of NEC held on 9 th & 10 th April 2015	Confirmed by the NE Council
2	Action Taken Report on the 64 th Plenary	Discussed and endorsed by the NE Council
3	Report on NEC- Secretary , NEC	Discussed and endorsed by the NE Council
4	Approval of the Draft Annual Plan 2016-17	The Council resolved that the budget of NEC should be increased and request Government of India to increase the budget allocation of NEC for 2016-17 as desired by all the Members of the Council. With this comment, Council approved the Annual Plan of Rs. 800 crore of NEC.
5	Approval of the Amendment of the Revised NEC General Guidelines	It was decided by the Council that some time may be given to all the NE States to study the Amendment of the Revised NEC General Guidelines and submit their opinion to NEC for further necessary action.
6	NE-Organic Capital of the Country	The proposal was discussed and accepted by the NE Council. Gist of the proposal: The scheme is to be implemented through State Governments. The scheme envisaged to form contiguous clusters of farmers mainly women and landless villages which will be further organized into States/ District level councils for value addition intervention, capacity building, market development etc. Amount required is Rs. 500 crore for five years.
7	North Eastern Road Sector Development Scheme (Upgradation and maintenance of orphaned roads, inter-State roads etc)	Proposal for taking up the NERDS Scheme was discussed and accepted by the NE Council. Gist of the proposal: NEC identified 47 numbers of Inter State Orphan Roads for up-gradation and maintenance with projected cost of Rs. 2385.00 crore. The list of roads is old and required to be revised. State Governments to submit fresh list of roads for consideration under NERSDS. Currently NERSDS is being implemented by NHIDCL in phases under MoRTH. The scheme which is with DoNER is proposed to be transferred to NEC along with budget.
8	Assistance for procurement of agri and horticulture produces including medicinal plants to give remunerative price to farmers to be implemented by Central /State Agencies.	Proposal was discussed and accepted by the NE Council. Gist of the proposal: The proposed marketing intervention scheme is to assist farmers in obtaining remunerative prices for their produces by giving market support to few identified cash crops of the region. The scheme will require about Rs. 40 crores. A body

		identified for intervention will get 10% margin of total sales. DoNER/NEC can advance Rs. 10 crore as revolving fund to the identified body.
9	Extension of runway at Umroi Airport, Shillong	Proposal was discussed and accepted by the NE Council. Gist of the proposal: AAI submitted DPR for Extension of runway and allied works from 6000 ft. to 7500 ft. at Shillong Airport for NEC funding for Rs. 181.80 crores to be funded by NEC and AAI on 60:40 basis.
10.	NE Tourism Development Council	Proposal was discussed and accepted by the NE Council. Gist of the proposal: The Integrated Tourism Master Plan for NER recommended for constitution of a Tourism Council. The same can be named as North East Tourism Development Council (NETDC) and will be established in PPP mode. The Council will be chaired by a Private Sector Representative and professionally managed by a CEO from private sector to be appointed. The Council will have representatives from all NE States, Ministry of Tourism, Tour Operators of NER, Hoteliers etc. The Council can be a separate entity and could be incorporated as a Limited Company or a Section 25 Company.
11.	Partial assistance to States/NGOs for setting up of an iconic skill centre/infrastructure for NER youths in collaboration with NABARD 50%	It was decided to have a small survey and short listing of NGOs and then a decision be taken regarding financing through NGOs. However, Council has agreed for providing assistance to the States in this regard. Gist of the proposal: Setting up of Skill Development/ Training Institute at State capitals, District Headquarters to address the ever changing global scenario, market requirement etc to equip the unemployed youth for better job opportunities is urgently required. World class Institutes needs to be set up on PP model. The tentative cost of setting up of Regional Institute of Skill Development, World Class Institute and Training Centre in 91 districts of NER will require around Rs. 500 crores.
12	Act East Secretariat in NEC in Collaboration with IIM, Shillong	Since AEP is MEAs programme it was decided that there is a need to take MEA into confidence and then take a decision on the matter. Gist of the proposal: The objective of the Act East Secretariat will be to drive the Act East Policy to ensure that benefits of the same accrue to the States of the NER. This Secretariat will be the repository and single reference point for people of the North East Region.
13 (A)	Sponsoring of students belonging to the BPL category parents for studying in ARPS in the North East	The proposal was discussed and Council agreed in-principle. Proper methodology for selection of schools students should be worked out before NEC implements the programme. Gist of the proposal: The proposal have two parts (a) The fees of civilian children studying in AR Schools

		<p>in the interiors of North East States be supplemented through grants by the NEC for 2000 students. The financial support will be from Class I to XII for the students whose parents are below poverty line. It will be a pilot project for three years from academic year 2017-18 onwards and review thereafter.</p> <p>The total expenditure for sponsoring 2000 children studying in remote AR schools at the rate of Rs. 6000/- per student per year will amount to approx Rs. 120.00 lakhs only.</p> <p>(b) NEC to sponsor 25 students (boarders) each in other 4 Assam Rifles Schools having boarding facilities which are located in Agartala, Mantripukhri, Jorhat from class VI to XII and Dimapur upto class X.</p> <p>The total expenditure for sponsoring approx 100 students (boarders) in the four AR Boarding Schools will be approx Rs. 70.00 lakhs only per year at the rate of 70,000/- per year per child.</p>
13 (B)	Upgradation on the Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research in Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.	<p>Proposal was discussed and accepted by the NE Council.</p> <p>Gist of the proposal: The agreed proposal is for research based studies on some major issues faced by NER to be carried out by CNES & PR, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. The issues are ranging from migration & internal conflict, role of PRIs & traditional institutions, disaster management, livelihoods development in conflict areas, development of border areas, Act East Policy, ethnicity, climate change etc. The proposals for 5 years at a cost of Rs. 4.2 crore with provision for 4 qualified manpower for 5 years and other incidental expenses.</p>

PART – D
PLENARY SESSION

DAY 2 (27th May, 2016) Plenary Session graced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister

1. **Shri Naveen Verma, Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region** welcomed the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Minister, DoNER and Chairman, NEC, all the Governors and Chief Ministers of North Eastern States and all the participants in the 65th Plenary of the NEC.

2. **Dr. Mukul Sangma, Chief Minister, Meghalaya** in his address to the Council reiterated on the need to strengthen the NEC and that it should be empowered. He pointed out that the NER Vision 2020 provides a road map for the development of the region and for this the decision of the Government of India to spend 10% of the budget of non-exempted ministries in the North East has helped the region. **He felt that the NLCPR funds have accumulated substantially and to enable the NEC to live up to its expectations it should be ensured that certain percentage of the NLCPR fund be made available to the NEC as this will go a long way to truly empower the NEC.** He lauded the Act East Policy but added that everything revolved around funds for the development of the region. The Chief Minister reiterated the need for additional budgetary allocation to the North Eastern Council. He lamented that there is a continuous decline in the actual release of funds to the NEC by the Union government which has compelled many states to avoid taking up important projects despite those being prioritized

2.1 He also said some of the funds accumulated under NLCPR may be allocated to NEC for implementation of inter sectoral and integrated development plans in various North-eastern states. He added that NEC should act as an extension of various ministries of the Union government and bring out bulletins informing State governments about various schemes and initiatives introduced by the Central government. The NEC may also consider extending necessary technical assistance to the states in preparation of DPRs besides independent evaluation and monitoring. The Chief Minister also sought technical and financial support from NEC for accelerating the Integrated Basin Development and Livelihoods Promotion Programme being implemented in Meghalaya. He also stressed on the need to provide necessary infrastructure to enable the use of telemedicine in civil

hospitals, PHCs and CHCs across the region, even as he sought financial support to set up an independent food testing laboratory in Shillong.

2.2 He also proposed to establish an open school for children with special needs at Shillong besides stressing on the need to set up a regional sports academy in the State capital. He asked for immediate up gradation and expansion of the Shillong Airport for facilitating the landing of bigger aircrafts besides seeking support to make the Baljek Airport functional. **He also asserted that there is a need for dedicated funds to be placed with the NEC for inter-state road development programmes even as he asked the NEC to support the State government's project of widening the 18 kms stretch of the Shillong-Umiam highway.**

3. **Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Governor of Meghalaya & Manipur** stated that many eminent people came to Shillong over the years which is God's own bounty. He pointed out that the villages in Meghalaya are well knit and infiltration is less in the border areas. He opined that the NEC should be a platform for mobilizing resources for economic growth for the region. He also stated that there is a need to put minds together for infrastructure development, development of agro-based industries and tourism. He suggested that the Northeast should also find a mention in India's National Anthem. This will further integrate the people of Northeast with the Nation. He also said that lives of North East India legends should be included in school curriculums across the country. There is a need for all the North East States to have proper guest houses in Shillong to facilitate important meetings at Shillong and also to help tourists and students coming to the city. The Manipur Yatri Niwas/ Guest House at Shillong is pending with the NEC for want of Meghalaya Urban Development Agency clearance from the Government of Meghalaya. Since the State Government has already submitted DPR to NEC, the Council may coordinate and facilitate in obtaining clearance from MUDA.

4. **Shri Kalikho Pul, Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh** pointed out that the 65th Plenary is important because of the presence of the Prime Minister and thanked him for being in the plenary. He also added that under the leadership of the Prime Minister lot of changes have taken place in the last two years. **He wanted that the NEC should be empowered and strengthened further. He supported the suggestion of the Chief Minister of Meghalaya to enhance the budget of NEC and further suggested that the NEC budget should be increased to five fold of the present size of its budget.** He also added that there

is a need to create confidence in the minds of the public that the North Eastern Region is an integral part of the Country. He also urged that considering the low population density of the State, the norms for certain Centrally Sponsored Schemes like Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) should be suitably amended.

5. Shri. J.P. Rajkhowa, Governor Arunachal Pradesh pointed out that the biggest problem for Arunachal Pradesh is poor connectivity. Arunachal Pradesh has seven major river routes and twelve inter-state roads which needs urgent maintenance. Terming connectivity as the biggest problem for Arunachal Pradesh, Governor urged the North Eastern Council to take steps to improve the sector. He urged the NEC to focus on connectivity, communication facilities, environment, and defence and border area development in the state. He also called for special focus on agriculture and horticulture sectors of the state. Stating that Arunachal Pradesh has lagged behind on most socio-economic indicators and developmental parameters as compared to the rest of the country, the Governor said the state needs continued assistance and support of the Centre and the NEC.

6. Shri. Sarbananda Sonowal, Chief Minister, Assam lauded the importance given to the North East by the Narendra Modi-led NDA government at the Centre. He pointed out that it was for the first time that the Prime Minister of the country had asked all his Council of Ministers to visit North East at least once every fortnight. This reflects the PM's commitment to the North East.

6.1 He also urged the NEC to help the states of the region in availing the benefits of the schemes announced by the Prime Minister. Sonowal also said that his government was committed to ensure that Assam realises its full potential and was committed to the development of human and natural resources in Assam. He added that proper implementation of the Prime Minister's flagship programmes like Skill India, Make in India, Digital India will ensure the well being of the people of the North-eastern state. He stressed on the importance of simultaneous development of Brahmaputra Valley, Barak Valley and the two Hill Districts of the State.

6.2 He said Assam being the largest state in the North East and gateway to all NE states always remains at the forefront of all regional initiatives. He added that Assam supports enhancement of the allocation for NEC and a rational distribution of funds among the states of the region. He went on to say that the role of public investment is important to

accelerate growth of the NER as scope of private investment in huge infrastructure projects in a backward region may be limited. He stated that there should be a collective endeavour on the part of North-Eastern States to secure the additional funds for development of the region. A decision of higher funding is essential if we have to move rapidly and grow at the same rate as the rest of the nation. Speaking on the Special Category Status being given to the NER he said, the categorization of the states of this region for the continuance of Central assistance for all development activities at a higher proportion is necessary. He suggested that the Government of India may frame a special Agriculture Policy for NER in the line of the NEIP so that private parties can play a bigger role in this sector even as he urged the Central Government to help in tackling the flood and erosion problems of Assam.

7. Shri P.B. Acharya, Governor, Assam and Nagaland pointed out that the Prime Minister attending the NE Council meeting could play an important role for emotional integration of the region. He appreciated the bold step taken by the PM on 3rd August 2015 to bring the NSCN (IM) to the negotiating table. He stated that Look East Policy is now a new mantra called the Act East Policy which would greatly benefit the region. He wanted that the Mahila Battalion in Nagaland be strengthened. There is a need to develop tea and Bamboo industry, trade and commerce, food parks, cold storage and solar parks. He also opined that Universities should be made centres of entrepreneurship. He also stressed on the need for emotional integration through people to people fellowship programmes especially in border area.

7.1 Governor stressed the need for introduction of provisions of Panchayati Raj System in the Sixth Schedule areas which he believes will provide a boost to local economy and strengthen democratic edifice in such areas and for proper decentralization of power in the Sixth Schedule areas. The provisions of the 73rd and 74th Amendments (Panchayati Raj Act and Nagarpalika Act), as functioning in other parts of the country, also need to be implemented in the Sixth Schedule areas. This shall ensure flow of funds from Panchayati Raj Ministry directly to the grassroots elected Panchayats and benefit local tribal populace in many ways. This will strengthen/local economy and empower the people with more autonomy. The district councils being the products of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India are expected to uplift the tribal communities in the domains of primary education, health, culture, social customs, social welfare, forest, land, agriculture, water management, village administration, economic and rural development. However, in practice the

performances of the ADCs, have not come up to expectations. He also called for optimum utilisation of mobilising women groups, self help groups and other units for channelizing their energy for social transformation at the grassroots level. The region's natural resources, bio diversities, unique and diverse demographic profile and its proximity with South East Asian nations call for a concerted effort towards its development and NEC, which has been mandated to bolster its development, can play a lead role in this regard.

8. **Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister, Manipur** addressing the Council stated that in the last 15 years that all the Chief Ministers and Governors attended the NE Council meeting they always stressed on the need to increase the budget of the NEC but there has been no substantive increase in allocation to the NEC and Ministry of DoNER. He appealed and requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister to enhance the budget of the Ministry and NEC otherwise it would be difficult to implement the development programmes in the region. He pleaded for equitable distribution of NEC funds as there is a gap of 6 to 7% for the state of Manipur as far as NEC funds is concerned as compared to similarly placed States. Regarding the National Sports University he informed the Council that 346 Acres of land has been transferred for the purpose but litigation on land still persist which needs to be resolved. In this regard he pleaded that pending infrastructure development in the newly acquired land, the Sports University should be immediately started from the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Complex, Imphal. He requested that the Imphal to Moreh Railway line needs to expedite as this will fast track the Act East Policy and Imphal International Airport be linked Mandalay and Kunming. He also stressed on the need to electrify all the villages in Manipur. He thanked the Prime Minister for sparing his valuable time for attending the 65th Plenary of the NEC.

9. **Shri Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister, Mizoram**, appreciated the achievements on the 2nd anniversary of the Government headed by the Prime Minister and that it gives great hope for NER to see the Prime Minister participating in the 65th Plenary of the NEC. He pointed out that there is a need to revamp the NEC with resources and technical manpower and that backlog of the funds required to be met and that funds as recommended in the NER Vision 2020 may be made available for the development of the NE Region. He also suggested that the Regional Maintenance funds be created so that the assets created by the NEC could be maintained. He appreciated the Act East Policy of the government and also informed that Myanmar is eager to have a close relation with Mizoram

and Nagaland as there are 25 MPs in Myanmar who are of the Mizo group and 11 MPs of the Naga Group who are eager to have a close tie with the region. He also stressed on the need for good air connectivity, health services for the region. He pointed out that the NE Tourism has a lot of potential that needs to be exploited. He also reminded that North East is in Zone V and is subjected to disaster especially earthquake and in this regard he reminded that his government had submitted a proposal for Post Mitigation Plan in case of disaster and he hoped that the NEC would approve the same. He also pointed out the insufficiency to have only one good medical institute in NEIGHRIMS and suggested on the need to have more such medical institutes in the region.

10. **Lt. Gen (Rtd.) Nirbhay Sharma, Governor, Mizoram** pointed out that it is historic meeting as the Prime Minister is present in the meeting and he hoped that he will take the development of the North East further. **He said that the NEC has a pivotal role for the development of the region but its mandate is yet to be fully achieved for want of sufficient funds.** He wanted that the NEC should focus on the regional perspective as it will have a cascading effect in the States. He felt that NEC is punching well below its weight and this has to be addressed. He pointed out that the common requirement in the North East is connectivity, health and education. There is a dearth of employment opportunities in Mizoram despite the state having achieved a literacy rate of 91.58 per cent according to the 2011 census. Mizoram has the highest literacy rate in the country but this literacy rate is not translating into jobs and therefore there is a need to come up with a comprehensive plan in this regard. He said that focus must not waver from the fact that people from the North East still have limited knowledge of Hindi and English and that this is an area that the NEC and DoNER in conjunction with other arms of the Government can channelize some of the efforts. Turning towards the connection between employment and skill development, he said, Skill development needs repeated emphasis to train the youth with skills mapped to employment opportunities both within and outside the region.

10.1 Observing that increasing number of youths are indulging in drugs, he said, the youth of North East are increasingly falling prey to the scourge of drugs. Diseases like cancer and HIV AIDS have also spread their tentacles. Speaking on the vulnerability of the region, which falls under Seismic Zone-V, to earthquakes, he said, the measures should be to not only manage, but more importantly mitigate (damage). He also pointed out that since 25 % of the population of the State resides in urban areas therefore there is a need to develop the

border area well and use of the Border Area Development Programme (BADP) funds on a larger scale. Underlining the importance of the Act East Policy he said, North East is the most vital link in the chain of Act East Policy. Although in the last two years, there has been a renewed focus and momentum, a lot still needs to be done to strengthen it.

10.2 Regarding the NEC funds he stated that fund support has to increase and unless fund support is enhanced there will be obstacle on the way forward though the capacity to utilise the funds is an issue that also needs to be addressed. **He added that surrendering a large chunk of money to the NLCPR pool needs to be demystified.** He also wanted that the NEC be upgraded and its role clarified and that there needs to be half yearly and quarterly subject specific meeting of the NEC.

11. **Shri. T.R. Zeliang, Chief Minister, Nagaland** in his address to the Council **expressed concern about the downward trend of NEC funds which stands at only Rs 800 crore for 2016-17.** He requested the Prime Minister to kindly give suitable direction to the Finance Minister. He strongly urged NEC to invite Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, Finance Secretary & Secretary (Expenditure), Ministry of Finance in all future Plenary session. He stated that the achievement of NEC is laudable but its past performance for 45 years needs to be reviewed. There has been discrepancy in the locating of livelihood projects only in Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh. **He also pointed out that out of 14 Regional Institutes assisted by the NEC in the NER; seven are in Assam, three in Meghalaya and one each in other NE States but nothing in Nagaland. He also pleaded for air connectivity improvement in Nagaland and the need of having four lane roads.** He also wanted that the previously prepared Railway DPR, need to be revived for implementation. He also wanted that a proper central medical Institute should be established in Nagaland. **He reminded the Council that the NE Region is landlocked States which needs to be unlocked.** Therefore he was not in favour of border fencing with Myanmar but wanted that the region be opened up to all South East Asian countries.

12. **Shri Pawan Chamling, Chief Minister, Sikkim** mentioned that the 14th Finance Commission wrongly overstated the revenue generation of the State. Due to this the State is facing a huge deficit of resources for completion of unfinished projects which were earlier funded under Special Plan Assistance/ Special Central Assistance (SPA/SCA). He requested for higher allocation from Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) fund to complete these projects. He also stated that the State has one of the highest density of road in the

region and informed the council that his State requires Rs 500 Crore annually to maintain these 4000 KM of roads which are disrupted frequently by heavy rainfall, landslide. etc. The State will require special funding for road maintenance.

13. **Shri Shrinivas Dadasaheb Patil, Governor, Sikkim** stressed on the need for development of organic chain under the state organic mission which will give income to rural youth and will also make agriculture attractive to the young generation. He also stressed the proper development of Bagdogra Airport with Instrumental Landing System (ILS) and also for increased flights to the airport. He further added that Sikkim would be able to help the other NE States in their organic mission and for that purpose one school for organic teaching could be established in the State.

14. **Shri Tathagatha Roy, Governor, Tripura** pointed out that the continued presence of 35,000 displaced persons who entered Tripura from Mizoram needs the intervention of Ministry of Home Affairs. On connectivity he said that National Highway 44, lifeline of Tripura, urgent rehabilitation and close attention of the Government of India is needed on the section which falls in Assam. Regarding the bus service from Agartala to Kolkata via Bangladesh he suggested that the Government of India may negotiate with Bangladesh on the need to dispense with passport and visa. He wanted to reactivate the development of Kailashar Airport and that the Archaeological finds at Unokati in Tripura be explored and developed to attract tourist.

15. **Dr Jitendra Singh, MOS (I/C) DONER and Chairman, NEC** in his speech stated that the 27th May is historic day as it is on this day that the Department of Development of North Eastern Region was created in 2001. He expressed happiness that after 4 decades Prime Minister is here in Shillong to address the NEC and NEC had to wait 40 years for the Prime Minister. This is a message that the Prime Minister care for the North East. He stated that the North East is the region which epitomise diversity within diversity and the rest of India needs to learn from the North East. He further added that now 8 Union Ministers are deputed every 15 days to the NER to oversee the development projects and a Camp Secretariat of DoNER in rotation is in place and this shows that Delhi can travel to the doorstep of the NER. He also pointed out that this is the first time that National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd., (NHIDCL) is created, organic farming is institutionalised, coordinating role of DONER is in place and the Space Centre has been put to action. He also informed that soon the Skill and Architecture Institute for the region will

be in place and the Agartala-Akhaura Railway line will be funded by DoNER on the Indian side. To stop the Exodus of youth, Venture Capital Fund for the Start Up would be made available from DoNER and a Medical College with the Corporate Sector is planned in Meghalaya.

16. **Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister** in his speech expressed his hope that the deliberation in the Plenary will help further development of the NER. He appreciated the NEC and its works in the region and wanted that it should introspect on its achievements and re-orient and upgrade itself. It could become a state of the art resource, knowledge and skill centre to enable NE States. NEC should promote research and innovation and have specialised people for development planning. The NEC should focus on issues of emerging areas of livelihood, venture capital and start up that will create jobs. He also mentioned that NER is important for strategic reason and there is a need to bring NER at par with the country. The region should endeavour to spend the allotted money well. He added that his government believe in cooperative and competitive federalism and needful assistance would be provided to NER on 90:10 for Core Schemes and 80:20 on Non-Core Schemes. He wanted that projects should be completed in time without cost and time overrun and since North East is the gateway to South East Asia the region and the States in the region need to take advantage of it.

16.1 Prime Minister Narendra Modi also urged for improving connectivity in the North-Eastern Region by augmenting railway penetration. The Prime Minister said the Railways have undertaken expansion drive in the region at a cost of around Rs.10, 000 crore. Stating that the Union government is working to ensure that all the North-eastern states figure on the rail map soon, the Prime Minister said in the North East, the Railways has commissioned about 900 kms of broad gauge line in the last two years, leaving only about 50 kms of meter gauge lines to be converted in 2016-17. In addition, a 132 kilometre part of a third alternative connectivity route to the North East (New Maynaguri – Jogighopa) has also been commissioned, he said. He also added at present the NHIDCL a road development corporation specifically created for the North East is implementing 34 projects covering 1001 Km at a cost of Rs 10,000 crore. He wanted that the States in the region should use appropriate technology for construction of road. He also informed that the Government of India is investing Rs 10,000 crore for power transmission line in the region to make power available to all in the region.

16.2 Speaking on the tourism sector, the Prime Minister said the region boasts of a number of positives which need to be harnessed for healthy growth of the region. All the states of the North East region are blessed with natural scenic beauty, distinct historical cultural and ethnic heritage. All this offers tremendous scope for tourism in the region. There is also a great scope for mountaineering, trekking and adventure tourism in the region. If developed and promoted well, this can emerge as the biggest employer in the region. It can also add to the growth and income of the region, he observed. The Prime Minister also said that the Union Ministry of Tourism has identified a thematic circuit for the North East region. He urged the North-eastern states to make the best use of the scheme to develop tourist circuits and attract tourists from all over the world. He also opined that the region can also look into combining a few popular destinations of the neighbouring countries with their tourism circuits to provide added attraction to tourists.

16.3 The Prime Minister also batted for opening up of BPOs in the North-eastern region, saying majority of youth of the North East region are English speaking and with improved connectivity and language skills, the state governments may look into setting up of the BPO industry in the region. He said that Agartala in Tripura has been declared the third Internet Gateway after Mumbai and Chennai with 10GBPS of seamless bandwidth for NER and the the Union government has approved North East BPO promotion scheme in the Digital India programme for creation of employment opportunities and added that the North-eastern states must avail facilities and get these BPOs operationalised in their respective states to promote growth and to provide jobs to youths.

16.4 **He also wanted the NE region to focus on organic farming as the North East can become the organic food basket of India.** The Prime Minister while stressing on the need to develop organic farming in the region stated that the region is home to exotic fruits, flowers, vegetables, aromatic plants and herbs, he said that most of them are organic in origin and a focus on organic farming would help the region greatly. **He said other states can take a lead from Sikkim and the North East Council can also play an important role in the development of organic farming in the region.** According to the Prime Minister, organic products are going to be increasingly used widely and if the NEC can assist the states in the region to take a lead in this area, it will contribute immensely to the income of the people and the region.

16.5 **Shri Ram Muivah, Secretary, NEC** offering his vote of thanks stated that he was deeply honoured to render the vote of thanks and expressed his deep gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister for sharing his vision for the development of North Eastern Region. He thanked the Chairman, NEC and all the Members of the Council, the Director General Assam Rifles, Director General of Police, Meghalaya and his team for all the help they rendered for the success of the plenary, all the participants in the technical session, the Chief Secretary of Meghalaya and his team of officers for rendering all the assistance, Central government officers who attended the meeting, the official from the 8 North Eastern States and the officers and staff of NEC.

NB: The written speeches of the Hon'ble Governors and Chief Ministers of the region were taken as read and were distributed in the Plenary. The actionable points culled out from their written speeches are presented in the following page.

PART – E

Actionable points culled out from speeches of the Members of the Council during the 65th Plenary of the North Eastern Council held on 26th & 27th May, 2016 at Convention Centre, Pinewood Hotel, Shillong

Sector: Agriculture & Allied

Para & pg Number of the Speech	Points Raised by	Actionable Points
Para 4	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	The State Government acknowledges the support provided by the Central government through Meghalaya Livelihood & Access to Markets Project (Megha-LAMP). Megha-LAMP which is a part of the IBDLP and focuses on the development of market access, development of Integrated Village Cooperative Societies and offering of integrated knowledge services. Currently the programme is being implemented in a few C&RD Blocks and we would like to seek the support of the Government of India to enable the State to enhance its coverage throughout the State.
Para 1	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	The State is also rich in mineral resources and has extensive deposits of coal, limestone, granite, clay and other minerals. The potential areas of investment in the State are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agro & Horticulture Processing Units • Processing of Plantation Crops • Tissue Culture and Bio-Technology • Spices, Oleoresin and other Essential Oils Units • Animal Husbandry and Meat Processing Industries • Development of Traditional • Mineral based industries NEC may consider promoting investments in these sectors.
Pg. 5	Shri Kalikho Pul, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh	Sought the support to usher in a white revolution in the state of Arunachal Pradesh which has huge milk shortages so that farmers would hugely benefit with the additional income that it will generate.
Para 4	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Requested to transfer the Compensatory Aforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) Fund to the State, for enabling the State Government to implement compensatory aforestation and other programmes related to wildlife and bio-diversity conservation. This will help in providing alternative sources of income and livelihood to the farmers involved in Jhum and Opium cultivation. The funds may be retained in a separate corpus and expenditure incurred out of interest accrued. I request you to set up three battalions of Ecological Task Territorial Army for protecting 68,000 Sq.km. forests and wildlife.
Para 9	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Support from the NEC and the Central Government would be required for setting up of cold storage infrastructure and processing facilities to provide livelihood and for exporting the

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		horticultural products
Para 10	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	The fertilizer utilization in the State is less than 15%. Most parts of the State are already organic by default. Staple crops, vegetables and fruits are being grown in a very pristine environment. We also plan to go organic on the same lines as Sikkim and hope Hon'ble Prime Minister would bless this novel initiative of the Government by including Arunachal Pradesh in the Organic Mission. Ministry of DoNER is reviving its North Eastern Regional Agriculture Marketing Corporation Ltd. (NERAMAC) and the State Government will take full advantage of this initiative. NERAMAC will help to market Agriculture, Horticulture and Floriculture products in far off markets in major cities across India
Para 23	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	Govt. of India may frame a special Agricultural Policy for NER in the line of the NEIP so that private parties can play a bigger role in this sector.
Para 25	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	NEC can play a vital role in development of environmentally sustainable agricultural practices in the region. It may further assist in creation of rural infrastructure including roads, warehouses, cold storages and markets.
Pg. 3	Shri P.B. Acharya, Hon'ble Governor, Nagaland	Need for Cold-storage: We request NEC to draw a plan for Cold Storage Chain to preserve our organic vegetables and fruits.
Para 12	Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur	Request for expansion of livelihood project to uncovered villages and district like Tamenglong and Jiribam of Imphal East of Manipur, presently not covered under NRLM.
Para 4	Shri T.R. Zeliang, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Nagaland	The percentage share of Nagaland, in terms of annual sanction and release of NEC funds, has been declining over the years. For example, in the case of North East Region Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP), Phase I & II were implemented in 1326 villages in Assam, Meghalaya and Manipur. We had asked for inclusion of Nagaland in Phase III, but this was not considered and is being implemented only in the States of Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur. Let me cite another example. We have as many as 14 Regional Institutes being assisted and promoted by the NEC since its inception. Of these, 7 are in Assam, 3 in Meghalaya and one each in Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Mizoram, but none in Nagaland. I mention this, so that corrective steps may be taken by NEC in the future.
Pg. 2	Shri Shrinivas Dada Saheb Patil, Hon'ble Governor, Sikkim	We may also think of one or two more sectors such as development of tourism, organic farming, floriculture development, disaster management and human resource development for the region. Sikkim can do well with an institute for organic farming and floriculture.
Para 10	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor,	Request the NEC authority to take immediate action for early sanction of 10 projects submitted by the State Government for

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	Tripura	the rapid development of the State, of which some important projects are as below: x) Augmentation of the production potentials of Hybrid True Potato Seed at Horticulture Research Complex, Nagicherra.
Para 8	Shri Manik Sarkar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura	It is worthwhile to mention that this region has been facing continuous threat and challenges from various insurgent threat and challenges from various insurgent groups. It is primarily due to underdevelopment and backwardness. Therefore, there is a need of well thought strategy to mainstream the misguided youths by constructive dialogue and engagement with the active involvement of the Union Government. There is a need to have a composite package of the Government of India in place to address their concerns of a decent livelihood post their surrender.

Sector: Power

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Para 7	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	Hydel power potential has been discussed at length in the earlier NEC meetings, thermal power that can also be developed has not received adequate attention. This is, of course, subject to addressing the environmental concerns pointed out by the National Green Tribunal in respect of coal mining in the State. It would make more economic sense if power is generated near the coal mines which can then be transmitted to other parts. The coal of Garo Hills having low ash and sulphur content is reported to be particularly suitable for power generation. In order to tap the potential available in the region, the NEC, in consultation with the Power Ministry, may prepare a comprehensive Plan for development of Power in the NE Region.
Pg. 3	Shri Kalikho Pul, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh	Hydropower potential is over 57000 MW and yet even now we have barely been able to build less than 500 MW capacities. We are fully committed to re-energize this sector and partner with key Central PSUs for fast tracking all projects. I have already given clear directions to our team for preparing a roadmap for executing all blocked projects. This shall be our contribution for nation building apart from being a major step for improving our own financial health.
Para 3	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	NEC and Ministry of DoNER were requested to help identify and implement run of the river off grid projects so as to power the remote administrative headquarters.
Para 3	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Requested for intervention of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to resolve the impasse on 2000 MW Lower Subansiri Project by addressing the unresolved issues raised by NGOs in Assam, in an amicable manner

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Para 3	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	It is also felt necessary to redefine the Hydel Projects into small, medium and large categories by fixing appropriate generating capacity for each category. This in my opinion would allay the general apprehension of the people about Mega Dam Project as any project with installed capacity of above 25 MW is now considered as a large project.
Para 29	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	In order to meet the power shortage and to reduce the loss in transmission and distribution by replacing ageing transmission system in the state, MDoNER/NEC may like to approve the power projects of 12th plan. The potential of small Hydroelectric Projects as a renewable source of energy has not been fully exploited and NEC should take the lead to fund such projects.
Pg. 3	Shri P.B. Acharya, Hon'ble Governor, Nagaland	Food Park & solar Park: I also request NEC to set up Food Parks in all the NE States. For setting up of solar power plants in Nagaland, the financial support provided by MNRE will have to be increased significantly to bring down the cost of solar energy. The viability gap funding may be increased from 30% to 70%.
Para 10	Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur	I earnestly appeal to Government of India to expedite the completion of power grid's 400/132KV Sub-Station at Imphal and Sikkim to match with the commissioning of states 400KV Sub-station at Thoubal supported by NLCPR. Further the proposed 400 KV link to Misa via New Kohima and New Mariani from Imphal may be expedited at the earliest for better reliability of power supply system in Manipur, Nagaland and part of Assam.
Para 10	Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur	To meet the vision of 24 x 7 power for all, May I urge the Ministry of Power, M/DoNER and NEC to provide sufficient funds for Power sector to complete ongoing transmission & distribution projects in Manipur including establishment of State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) in Manipur proposed under NLCPR for safe and secure intra-state as well as NER Grid management.
Para 10	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura	Request the NEC authority to take immediate action for early sanction of 10 projects submitted by the State Government for the rapid development of the State, of which some important projects are as below: ii) System improvement by renovation & re-strengthening of 66 KV S/C line from 132 KV Gamai Tilla to Gomati Hydel project via Amarpur. viii) Construction of 132 KV Transmission line from Ambassa to Gandacherra

Sector: Irrigation, Flood Control & Watershed Management

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Para 25	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	Assam is hit by floods annually leading to siltation of precious farm land and NEC may assist in desiltation of such agricultural land.

Para 28	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	NEC may assist the Government of Assam on mitigation of flood by facilitation dialogues on this vital issue and by approving projects for dredging of the river bed of Brahmaputra and Barak.
Para 10	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura	Request the NEC authority to take immediate action for early sanction of 10 projects submitted by the State Government for the rapid development of the State, of which some important projects are as below: i) Quality improvement of Rural Water Supply Schemes in Tripura by way of Construction of 10000 GPH capacity modified type iron removal plants (IRP) attached to existing deep tube wells.

Sector: Industries

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Para 1	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	The State is also rich in mineral resources and has extensive deposits of coal, limestone, granite, clay and other minerals. The potential areas of investment in the State are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Traditional Handloom & Handicrafts • Cane/ Bamboo/ Reclaimed Wood based Products • Mineral based industries NEC may consider promoting investments in these sectors.
Para 2	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	Cane & Bamboo works and Handloom weaving are the two important traditional crafts in Meghalaya as well as other States of the North Eastern Region. A coordinated action plan to promote the growth of these crafts is needed. A cluster based approach for generating income and employment in the rural areas with focus on skill upgradation of artisans and weavers, support to improve the quality of equipments used, inputs supply and marketing linkages is necessary. Investments in this area may therefore be considered by the NEC
Para 8	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	There are 10 Land Customs Stations on the Indo-Bangladesh border in Meghalaya. There is a need to properly equip all these Border Check Posts with supplementary services like Banking (ATM) facilities and Post Offices. 4 (four) States in the North East viz., Meghalaya, Assam, Tripura and Mizoram share international border with Bangladesh. Strengthening of the Indo-Bangla Trade Relations would ultimately benefit the entire region in a multi-faceted manner. The NEC could take the initiative in this regard.
Pg. 2	Shri Kalikho Pul, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh	There is a need to establish trading outposts including integrated check posts at our border points with Bhutan and Myanmar. Starting of informal border haats through Ministry of Commerce would perhaps be a useful first step to build confidence for long terms trade linkages.
Pg. 5	Shri Kalikho Pul, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh	The coverage of Aadhar in Arunachal has been slow and therefore requested to transfer the work of implementation of Aadhar from Registrar General of India to UIDAI for faster

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	Pradesh	coverage.
Para 14	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	A request was made for setting up of North Eastern Institute of Food Processing Technology (NEIFPT) as a regional institute. In Ruksin in East Siang District an adequate area is available in the industrial area which is about 10 km from the NH-32 and about 30 km ahead of Pasighat which is being considered under the smart city project.
Para 20	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	Prior to India's independence, the NER had access to markets spanning the countries of South East Asia, China and Bhutan. With the dawn of independence, all these traditional markets were lost. There is renewed hope in the regional cooperation initiatives with our neighboring fast growing economies. The AEP has created an enabling environment to break the landlocked logjam of the NER by opening it to the markets of neighboring countries. There is scope to establish joint venture enterprises and bring cross border investments for encouraging commerce and tourism. Closer links with South East Asia and Bangladesh seems to have substantially benefited the states in other parts of India but not the NER.
Para 25	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	NEC can play a vital role in development of environmentally sustainable agricultural practices in the region. It may further assist in creation of rural infrastructure including roads, warehouses, cold storages and markets.
Para 32	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	Though some assistance has been received through the Central Silk Board and other sources, the entire process of production of silk, starting from sericulture activities such as cocoon rearing and farming, reeling, spinning of yarn, weaving and marketing of finished products needs to be supported for development and modernization. We call upon the Government of India to assist in developing the sericulture and silk weaving sector in Assam and North East by way of a special package.
Pg. 2	Shri P.B. Acharya, Hon'ble Governor, Nagaland	Tea Industry and Bamboo Development: The tea industry can be promoted in our state for which the projects are equally good and it should be promoted with help of the North Eastern Council. It can help entrepreneurs by providing seed money for setting up of bamboo based industries. We have set up more than 20 Bamboo Toilets in our State with the sponsorship of Public Private Partnership (PPP) as well as by the security agencies.
Pg. 3	Shri P.B. Acharya, Hon'ble Governor, Nagaland	Promotion of industries, trade and commerce: NEIIPP-2007 has been kept under suspension since 2014. It is requested to withdraw the suspension order for the benefit of industrialization in the States of NER. It is suggested that pragmatic land use policy be formulated for attracting industries in the region.
Pg. 3	Shri P.B. Acharya, Hon'ble Governor,	Food Park & solar Park: I also request NEC to set up Food Parks in all the NE States. For setting up of solar power plants in

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	Nagaland	Nagaland, the financial support provided by MNRE will have to be increased significantly to bring down the cost of solar energy. The viability gap funding may be increased from 30% to 70%.
Para 6	Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur	Considering the strategic location of the North East States, NEC can play a vital role in the 'Act East Policy' of the Government of India. Manipur having its locational advantage will be happy to do its bit as gateway to South East Asia and NEC may coordinate with the efforts of the State Government of the region to actualize the Act East Policy.
Para 6	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor, Manipur	Considering the strategic location of the North East States, NEC can play a vital role in the 'Act East Policy' of the Government of India. NEC as a regional planning body can spearhead infrastructure as well as human resource development and may coordinate the efforts of the State Government of the region to actualize the Act East Policy.
Para 8	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor, Manipur	I am informed that proposal for Manipur Yatri Niwas/ Guest House at Shillong is pending with NEC for want of Meghalaya Urban Development Agency clearance from Government of Meghalaya. Since State Government has already submitted DPR to NEC, NEC may coordinate and facilitate in obtaining clearance from MUDA.
Pg. 4	Shri Lal Thanhawla, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mizoram	The Look East Policy gave us some hope of trade-led growth of the N.E. Region and its economic integration with one of the fastest growing economies i.e. South East Asia. Sadly, even after the two decades it has had no impact on the region's economy. Not even the basic requisites for success of the policy have been put in place. Border trade is a specialized endeavour. It cannot be operationalised in the vacuum. The required ground supports like a detailed product and market specific study of the region's export potential, a competitive production base, developed infrastructure and involving in the local people as informed stakeholders are not yet fully available. At the level of policy formulation and implementation there appears to be lack of coordination. I strongly suggest that a separate regional outfit be created under the aegis of NEC for coordinated implementation, overseeing and monitoring of LEP.

Sector: Tourism

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Para 5.	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	With a view to attract foreign and domestic tourists, there is a need for development of tourists' circuits so as to encourage tourists to explore different destinations. Being a regional body, the NEC may spearhead development of these tourist circuits.

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Para 4	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	The Integrated Tourism Master Plan prepared by NEC needs to be realigned with the new scheme – Swadesh Darshan of the Government of India which provides for integrated development of theme based tourism circuits. NEC may take necessary steps accordingly.
Pg. 3	Shri Kalikho Pul, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh	With 26 major tribes and more than 100 sub-tribes, the state is an ethnographic rainbow of tribal cultures. Sadly, the tourist footfall in the state is struggling at just 3 lakhs domestic and 5000 foreign tourist per annum, as of today. Arunachal is truly a paradise unexplored which needs to be explored.
Pg. 3	Shri Kalikho Pul, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh	The 400 years old Gaden Namjyal Monastery at Tawang, the magnificent Golden Pagoda at Tengapani and the Holi Parashuram Kund along the banks of river Lohit are a testimony to the rich cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh. May I request Honourable Prime Minister to include these as part of religious tourist circuits of national significance under the PRASAD scheme? Arunachal Pradesh is truly a melting pot representing multiple ethnic identities, each with a distinct cultural ethos, dance and festivals. These festivals and cultural traditions need to be nurtured because they represent the heart of our tribal identity. I would like to request you to consider organizing a “Festival of tribes” of Arunachal under the Ministry of Culture, which would be an annual event held in different parts of the state and see the participation of tourists from across the country
Para 30	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	Tourism sector is also naturally employment-intensive, but given the deficiency of modern infrastructure and due publicity, we have not been able to capitalise on this strength. The NEC could assist in creation of modern infrastructure and training of young people to gainfully engage themselves in this sector.
Pg. 5	Shri Lal Thanhawla, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mizoram	Performance of tourism sector in the region has been pitiable. NEC as a regional planning body may come up with a sustainable tourism strategy for the NE region.
Para 7	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura	The number of flights between Kolkata and Agartala are also required to be increased. It is also necessary to upgrade Agartala Airport at least to the status of a Customs – Immigration Airport, with connectivity to Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet and other towns in Bangladesh. It is also necessary to re-operationalise Kailasahar and Kamalpur Airport to improve air connectivity to the North Eastern part of the State. Connectivity to Kailasahar will be particularly helpful in promoting Unakoti, an archaeological wonder, as a tourist destination. However, the funds for land acquisition which is the AAI has proposed in its Master Plan for this purpose will have to be provided from NEC/ Central sources.

Sector: Transport & Communication

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Para 10	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	There is an urgent need for the upgradation and expansion of the Shillong Airport for operations of larger aircrafts. The Baljek Airport in West Garo Hills is, however, yet to see the light of day. In this regard, the Government of India is requested to provide necessary assistance and support for making the Baljek Airport operational.
Para 11	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	Meghalaya, like other NE States, has a long Inter-State border with Assam and, therefore, there are a number of inter-state roads which are often referred to as orphan roads. The number of such roads taken up earlier from NEC funding has helped the Region. There is a need for a dedicated fund to be placed with the NEC for the inter-state road development programme.
Para 12	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	There are certain portions of the road which are yet to be widened such as the approach to Shillong City from Umiam Lake covering a distance of 18Km. NEC may consider supporting this project.
Para 13	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	NEC may earmark a part of the funds available with it for maintenance of roads.
Para 3	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	An urgent step for expansion of the Umroi Airport is required so that it can cater to larger aircrafts and this need to be taken on priority. Also, the operationalization of the Baljek Airport near Tura needs to be taken up. Construction of helipads in all the district headquarters of the State and in certain identified tourist spots is also required. NEC should plan in such a manner that all the capitals of the North East States are inter-connected by air and they should also have direct connectivity to the national capital, Delhi. Rail and road connectivity in the North East also need to be improved considerably.
Para 6	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	Meghalaya, being a very high rainfall area, should be allowed to prepare estimates with higher specification of bituminous courses like Bituminous Macadam (B.M.) and Semi-Dense Bituminous Carpeting (SDBC). This point had been taken up earlier but, in response, NEC had expressed certain reservations on this proposal of the State. I am of the view that even if the road length has to be reduced, it is better to opt for longer lasting roads. NEC may like to reconsider the matter.
Para 14	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	There are considerable delays in the implementation of projects of the NEC as well as the DoNER due to delays in technical vetting of estimates and issue of sanctions. It is suggested that suitable technical personnel with adequate powers be placed in the NEC Secretariat for technical approval of both the NEC as well as the DoNER schemes.
Pg. 2	Shri Kalikho Pul, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh	Requested Honourable Prime Minister to help build a railway corridor along the foothills of the state which would go upto the easternmost border. Also, we need to commence goods train services along the Guwahati-Naharlagun, Delhi-Naharlagun and Guwahati-Bhalukpong routes, which is essential for providing forward and backward linkages for the agriculture and horticulture sector which is the mainstay of our livelihoods.

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Pg. 2	Shri Kalikho Pul, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh	The Trans Arunachal Highway will be a great boon for the people of Arunachal Pradesh and we hope for its early completion. At the same time we cannot overlook the significance of building an 1800 km long frontier highway to connect the remotest upper reaches along the border. This will check the rapid migration of people from border areas and is also essential from a strategic perspective. Our Government has recently taken a policy decision to roll back the acquisition rates for these projects, given the importance of infrastructure development in the state
Pg. 2	Shri Kalikho Pul, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh	To take up the issue of road construction from Lumla (Arunachal-India) to Tashigang in Bhutan which will not only reduce journey time to Tawang but also substantially shorten the journey from Tawang to Bhutan? Construction of this 15 km stretch of road will be a shining example of the new age friendship between India and Bhutan. We also need to start a dialogue with the new government of Myanmar to make the Stilwell road functional for trade.
Pg. 4	Shri Kalikho Pul, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh	The airstrips at Pasighat, Tezu, Mechuka, Ziro, Walong, Vijaynagar must be commissioned on priority. May I request your support to ensure that this arrangement is implemented appropriately and these do not become only defence landing sites. I would also request your support to commence private non-scheduled carriers on a PPP basis from Guwahati to improve connectivity. We are perhaps the only state in the north-east and may be the entire country which does not have a functional civilian airport with commercial airline operations. May I seek your support to take up the airport project for Itanagar within this year which will be your lasting contribution for the people of this state.
Para 1	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	For the socio-economic development of the state as also the success of the Act East Policy, it will be necessary to improve the road connectivity of my state with the rest of India and also to improve the connectivity within the state by connecting all the district Headquarters of 20 Districts, ADC Headquarters, EAC Headquarters, Circle Headquarters as also important towns and clusters and villages, through building-up/upgrading existing National Highways and state roads. Similarly the road from Assam border to the twin cities of Itanagar-Naharlagun, which are in terrible shape, need to be maintained and upgraded as per ongoing NH-52, NH-52A, NH-415 up-gradation projects.
Para 1	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	For improving road connectivity within the state along international Border areas there is a need for a Frontier Highway connecting all the important centres along the China-India border. The districts are Tawang, West Kameng, East Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Kra Daadi, Upper Subansiri, West Siang, Upper Siang, Dibang Valley, Lower Dibang Valley and Anjaw. I request the Hon'ble Prime Minister to expedite sanction of the project which is presently under consideration of the Cabinet Secretariat.

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Para 1 (a)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	East-West Industrial Corridor of Arunachal Pradesh should be built as follows: Construction of East-West Industrial Corridor from Bhairabkund (West Kameng District) to Ruksin (East Siang District) via Bhalukpong-Seijusa-Digalmukh-Balihjan-Naharlagun-Kimin-Likabali-Dipa-Nari (431 km), along the Inter-State Border with Assam, at an approximate cost of Rs. 1353.29 crore may be considered for approval.
Para 1 (a)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Under the Act East Policy, 12 Nos. of Inter-State roads in SARDP-NE, Phase-B (Orphaned Road) should be taken up by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways through National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL). Of these one stretch of 27.00 km. of Jagun-Namchik-Miao Road in the State under DoNER Scheme of re-carpeting is under implementation, whereas the 8.00 km. of Assam portion is yet to be developed.
Para 1 (a)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	There is an urgent need to take up the Lumla (in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh) to Tashigang (in Bhutan) Road strengthening the border trade between the two countries. Apart from giving an alternate road for the people of Tawang to reach Guwahati and other parts of the country bypassing the treacherous Sela Pass, this road will facilitate trade, tourism and other economic activities between the two countries. The Indian portion of the road from Lumla upto the borders of Bhutan has already been completed and is motorable upto the borders of Bhutan border point (Warongde) on Indian side. A small stretch of 12 Km from Warongde to Khinye (Bhutan) remains to be connected, beyond which the all weather road exists connecting all parts of Bhutan. The distance from Tawang to Guwahati via Samddrudzongkar is 395 Km compared to the normal route, which is about 550 Km and thus a distance of 155 Km could be avoided. Requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the DoNER Minister to take up the matter with the Government of Bhutan on priority.
Para 1 (a)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	160 Km of the Historic Stillwel road on Myanmar side should be upgraded as part of "Good Will Mission" under the Act East Policy, as the 61 Km Indian portion has already been developed by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways as NH-153. This would largely facilitate promotion of trade and commerce as also setting up of Industrial Enterprises in the region under the 'make in India mission'. From the strategic and Defence point of view, it is felt that special Road Development Schemes may be conceived and implemented by the Govt. of India connecting all the identified centres with the Trans-Arunachal Highway and the proposed Frontier Highway in the State.
Para 1 (b)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	The people of Arunachal Pradesh are immensely grateful to Hon'ble Prime Minister for connecting Itanagar and Naharlagun with rest of the country by laying new Railway tracks and

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		arranging two trains - Daily Intercity Express to Guwahati and other Weekly AC Express to new Delhi, request for expediting the work on other railway lines from Bhalukpong to Tawang in the West and Murkangselek in Assam to Pasighat in the East. Requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister to increase the frequency of the daily intercity express to twice a day and the Weekly A.C. Express to atleast thrice a week as per public demand, with additional coaches including AC first class.
Para 1 (b)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Further all foothills towns and clusters along the Assam-Arunachal border should be connected by Rail links for overall development of the region and in particular for development of trade, commerce, transportation of construction materials, passenger traffic, etc. The long awaited Rail-cum-Road Bogibeel Bridge requires urgent completion as per revised time line of June 2017, for which a firm date for opening to the public may be announced by the railways.
Para 1 (c)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Presently a small Airport at Tezu in the Lohit district approved by DoNER Ministry and sanctioned by the NEC on 10.02.2010 is under construction and scheduled to be commissioned in November, 2017. Requested for expediting completion of this project which would critically serve the far eastern region of the State. In addition to the proposed Greenfield Airport, the State requires at least 3-4 more Airports for which a request has been made to the Civil Aviation Ministry to select the sites in consultation with the State Government.
Para 1 (c)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	The DoNER Ministry is planning to start commercial helicopter service within North Eastern Region to improve intra-regional connectivity. The Government and the people of Arunachal Pradesh, heartily welcome this timely initiative. Concretization of this initiative under a time-frame, will not only address the intra-region connectivity bottlenecks but also promote tourism, inflow of investment, trade and commerce including value addition and export of abundant horticultural products of the region and most importantly in ferrying patients and other people during medical and other emergencies.
Para 1 (c)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Guwahati has well developed Airport with standard infrastructure facilities and good air connectivity; DoNER Ministry have taken the right decision to develop Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport as regional hub for air services in the entire North-east Region. I hoped and believed that further steps in this direction including creation of an autonomous corporation/joint sector company to run and manage the proposed 'helicopter services' would be taken, as priority by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and your Ministry, in consultation with all the stakeholder States.

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Para 1 (c)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	The site for Greenfield Airport at Itanagar-Holongi in Papum Pare district has been finalized by the Civil Aviation Ministry, while there is a long-pending demand to set up the Airport at Karsingsa-Banderdewa which is presently sub-judice. Requested to expedite the decision on the site in consultation with the present State Government and to issue pending clearances for the project and implement it under a time frame by the Airport Authority of India Ltd. on top priority basis. Suggested that until the time this project is commissioned, reliable air service from the fully developed Airport at Lilabari must be improved on highest priority. The present schedule of Alliance Airline is unsuitable to link flights from New Delhi. Hence, suggestion was made to use of bigger aircraft with direct flight scheduled from Lilabari to Delhi and Delhi to Lilabari, alternately via-Kolkata or Guwahati. Such a step will enhance connectivity immediately.
Para 1 (c)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Apart from a Greenfield Airport at Itanagar, which is under an active consideration of Ministry of Civil Aviation, the State needs urgent upgradation of 26 helipad of State Government in order to meet the standards of DHCA & BCAS, at a cost of about Rs. 52.00 crore. 30 New helipads need to be constructed to provide air connectivity to the border villages having international borders, costing about Rs. 150 crore.
Para 1 (c)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	There are 8 (Eight) Advance Landing Grounds (ALGs) at Pasighat, Ziro, Aalo (Along), Tuting, Mechuka, Vijaynagar, Walong and Tawang helipad coming up in the border districts of State of Arunachal Pradesh, of which 3 have already been completed and advise the concerned agencies to expedite work of the remaining 5 ALGs in a time bound manner. It is imperative that the infrastructure so created is utilized not only for Defence purpose and carriage of civil passengers and goods, but for ferrying construction materials for infrastructure development as well. It is suggested that aircraft services be planned simultaneously to avoid any delay in starting the service.
Para 1 (c)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	The feasibility of having more ALGs in order to serve all the sensitive border clusters needs to be established in consultation with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh by the Ministry of Defence on priority and actions taken accordingly for establishing those. In addition to existing Advance Landing Grounds (ALG) which are under upgradation by IAF, one more ALG at Kolariang (Kurung Kumey) may be considered. The ALGs upgraded by IAF should be used for Defence as well as civilians purposes and permission may be granted to use existing Defence ATC facilities

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		for civilian choppers, including those run by the State Government
Para 1 (d)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Inland waterways have always been the cheapest means of transportation. The north-east region has many large and small rivers providing facilities for water transport, especially in their plains sections. In Arunachal Pradesh the rivers Siang, Lohit, Dibang, Kameng, Subansiri, Burhi Dihing, Noa Dihing and Tirap are used for navigation by small country boats in those stretches where there are no rapids. It is estimated that the region has 1800 kms of river routes that can be used by steamers and large country boats using the Brahmaputra and Barak river system.
Para 1 (d)	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh has four stretches of total length of 311 km of waterway. This sector needs to be explored and harnessed. We need to revive the use of waterways- National Waterway 2 running along the Brahmaputra and announced in 1988 is yet to become operational. These rivers together with the Brahmaputra need to be made navigable throughout the year by regular Dredging operation, for which setting up of North East Dredging Corporation should be considered on priority under NEC or DoNER Ministry, which would also alleviate the recurrent flood and erosion problem. Presently, water connectivity with Arunachal Pradesh using the Brahmaputra has been practically non-existent.
Para 25	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	NEC can play a vital role in development of environmentally sustainable agricultural practices in the region. It may further assist in creation of rural infrastructure including roads, warehouses, cold storages and markets.
Para 26	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	In view of low annual plan allocation during 12 th Five Year Plan no new road projects have been taken up by NEC though the working group has recommended 3659 Km of road at an estimated cost of Rs. 7282 crore to be funded during 12 th FYP. It is welcome that NEC has taken up initiative for rehabilitation of all earlier road projects instead of taking up new road projects. The Govt. of Assam has submitted 11 proposals covering 124.46 Kms of roads for rehabilitation under North East Road Sector Development Schemes (Orphan Roads) with a total estimated cost of Rs. 143.23 crore. NEC is requested to consider these positively at the earliest.
Pg. 3	Shri P.B. Acharya, Hon'ble Governor, Nagaland	Air Connectivity: There is an urgent need of air connectivity of Dimapur-Imphal-Agartala-Kolkata/Guwahati.
Para 8	Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur	The rail line from Jiribam-Tupul-Imphal, a National Project will not only bring about stability in the transport network of Manipur and mitigate hardship of travelling but will also reduce the cost of transportation of goods. I once again appeal through this August House to the NF Railways for timely completion of the Jiribam-Tupul section by March 2017. Land acquisition for

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		phase-II, Tupul-Imphal (27Km) has already been initiated and desired level will be handed over to NF Railways after finalization.
Para 9	Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur	The second lifeline of Manipur, NH-37 (Imphal –Jiribam section), cannot be fully operational because of weak bridge/Baily suspension bridges at Barak, Makru and Irang. These projects may be expedited by NHIDCL. Along the NH-39 (Imphal-Moreh section), the first lifeline of Manipur, construction of bridge at Lokchaou has been pending for more than three years due to non-finanzation of tender by MORTH. This may be expedited by MORTH. For better connectivity and durability of road, improvement of Imphal-Mao Section of NE-202 (NH-39), may be taken up as an externally aided project.
Para 9	Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur	We seek the support of the Government of India for higher investment in these sectors and provide a package for inter village road connectivity of border areas. NEC may continue to take up interstate roads identified by Working Groups and provide fund for maintenance for NEC orphan roads and release funds for ongoing works like Kangpokpi-Tamei road.
Pg. 2	Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma, Hon'ble Governor, Mizoram	To my mind, there are four basic strands of the common thread and connectivity is foremost in it. It holds the key to open the doors of prosperity and make the region an engine of growth. Infrastructure for road, rail, air, waterway and digital connectivity has to be developed upto our borders and beyond. The session on this chaired by Chairman NEC was quite useful. I am certain that it will be carried forward by holding deliberations and arriving at actionable plans for each of the sub sets in a coordinated manner.
Pg. 3	Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma, Hon'ble Governor, Mizoram	In Mizoram, Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP) is most vital and involves even the MEA. There are also proposals to reactivate the waterways within Mizoram and through Bangladesh. Likewise, there is a case for constructing another Airport in Southern Mizoram and also upgrading of the existing Airport at Lengpui to act as the second Air hub in North East for international flights. The on-going construction of railway line upto Sairang has to not only be expedited, but extended up to the southern tip of Mizoram. Likewise, the digital connectivity has to improve and reach even across the international border both towards Bangladesh and Myanmar.
Para 5	Shri T.R. Zeliang, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Nagaland	I welcome the introduction of “N.E Road Sector Development Scheme” a new scheme for construction and upgradation of important inter-state roads, with inbuilt provision for maintenance for five years. However, the initial allocation of Rs. 150 crore appears to be too meager for any meaningful impact. Therefore, taking advantage of the presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister in our midst today, I would like to request him to see that adequate funds are provided for new roads constructions, as well as for maintenance of existing roads constructed under NEC and NLCPR funds.

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Pg. 5	Shri Pawan Chamling, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sikkim	The other area which is a fact is that the cost of implementing any project in the North East is much higher than in the mainland States. Almost all construction materials have to be brought from the plains. The working season is only about six months and the long rainy season also adds to the cost of implementing the projects. Such realities are often not taken into account while the projects DPRs are being evaluated. I suggest that the Ministry of DoNER and NEC should adopt cost norms which are consistent with the situation prevailing in the North East. This will help in avoiding cost over runs. As you are aware, cost of the land acquisition which is quite substantial in infrastructure projects may be allowed to be included in the project cost, in view of resource constraints of the North Eastern states.
Para 3	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura	National Highway No. 44 which is the lifeline of Tripura for supply of essential commodities and two-way movement of goods is in an unimaginably horrible condition. I have myself inspected this road with PWD Officers. I have also inspected a road which is often canvassed as an alternative road, namely the road built by NEC from Chandkhira in Assam to Dharmanagar in Tripura via Kukital (Assam) and Kathaltali (Tripura). This so-called road is as good as non-existent. As a result today, as I write this, Tripura is cut off from the rest of the country and the world except by air. I have been personally and relentlessly chasing this matter with the Hon'ble Minister of Road, Transport & Highways and Shipping, who has very kindly taken unusual initiative to set the matter right; but in the meanwhile heavy rains have intervened and the situation is back to square one, even worse. This may kindly be dealt with on the highest priority possible inasmuch as the situation will not brook even one day's delay.
Para 4	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura	Action also needs to be taken about the four-laning of NH-44 and upgradation of alternative roads to National Highway status.
Para 5	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura	The Railway network has been extended upto State capital, Agartala. The work of extension of railway line on Agartala-Udaipur and Udaipur-Sabroom sections is in progress. But the implementation is apprehended to be delayed for want of adequate funds allocation by Ministry of Railways for the project. This requires immediate attention.
Para 7	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura	The number of flights between Kolkata and Agartala are also required to be increased. It is also necessary to upgrade Agartala Airport at least to the status of a Customs – Immigration Airport, with connectivity to Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet and other towns in Bangladesh. It is also necessary to re-operationalise Kailasahar and Kamalpur Airport to improve air connectivity to the North Eastern part of the State. Connectivity to Kailasahar will be particularly helpful in promoting Unakoti, an archaeological wonder, as a tourist destination. However, the funds for land acquisition which the AAI has proposed in its

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		Master Plan for this purpose will have to be provided from NEC/ Central sources.
Para 8	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura	The proposed Railway link between Agartala and Akhaura junction in Bangladesh is also a sanctioned project. This link is extremely important not only for Tripura but for the entire North Eastern region. Early implementation of this link will be a great help.
Para 10	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura	Request the NEC authority to take immediate action for early sanction of 10 projects submitted by the State Government for the rapid development of the State, of which some important projects are as below: iii) Improvement of Udaipur-Jampuijala-Khumulwng (TTADC HQ) – Jirinia Road. iv) Improvement of Bishalgarh (NH-44) – Taksapara-Sonamura Road (32 KM). v) Improvement of Belonia-Hrishyamukh-Amlighat-Sabroom Road (83 KM) vi) Inter State Truck Terminus at Kameswar near Dharmanagar including Cold Storage & Warehouse.
Para 5	Shri Manik Sarkar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura	I urge that there should be State Specific long-term, middle-term and short-term plan to be prepared with help and guidance of the NEC and NITI Aayog for taking special and primary care of Physical infrastructure, Human Development including Healthcare & Education and Job Generation.

Sector: Medical & Health

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Pg. 2	Shri Kalikho Pul, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh	Road safety is an area of concern in such remote locations and we need to develop trauma centres along the highways and provide advanced life support mobile ambulances to reassure the tourists and visitors about the adequacy of health facilities, given the remoteness of the locations.
Pg. 4	Shri Kalikho Pul, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh	He requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister that the 500 bedded hospital at Itanagar and a medical college be converted into a central Government institution for ensuring that it has sustained quality of operations and consider sanctioning a state paramedical institute to run in partnership with the Art of Living Foundation
Para 11	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Requested NEC to augment the efforts by helping them to set up state of the art hospitals in major district headquarters and superspeciality hospital, such as eye hospitals, Liver and biliary science hospitals, chest and lung disease hospitals, etc
Para 27	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble	The North East Region has a constraint in medical infrastructure especially in area of super-speciality services and cancer

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	Chief Minister, Assam	treatment. A large number of people of the region are forced to go outside the state for advance treatment of Cardiac, Neurosurgery and other such ailments. NEC may play a pivotal role in development of these services which would help the entire population of this region. It may be considered that investments in the Health sector in Assam have the potential to serve all the patients of the North Eastern States. Perhaps, it is also time that we make AYUSH as a major vehicle for wellbeing and preventive cure
Pg. 2	Shri P.B. Acharya, Hon'ble Governor, Nagaland	Medical College: For setting up of a Medical College in Nagaland at Kohima, the State Govt. has acquired 40.251 acres of land in Kohima at an estimated cost of Rs. 233.76 crore. It may be expedited.
Pg. 5	Shri Lal Thanhawla, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mizoram	The existing Missions of the Central Government have been grossly inadequate and private sector investment has been few and far between. Specific and meaningful intervention for development of health sector in the region is needed. If we can develop credible health care system, North East Region has the potential to attract medical tourists from our neighbouring countries. Healthcare can thus become an economic development opportunity as well.
Pg. 4	Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma, Hon'ble Governor, Mizoram	There is immense scope for development of health facilities. The youth of north east are increasingly falling prey to the scourge of drugs. Diseases such as Cancer and HIV Aids have also spread their tentacles. Though, NEC has recognized the need for better medical facilities and some projects have come up recently, a lot still needs to be done.
Para 10	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura	Request the NEC authority to take immediate action for early sanction of 10 projects submitted by the State Government for the rapid development of the State, of which some important projects are as below: iii) Establishing a Regional Nursing College in Hapania.

Sector: HRD & E

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Para 3	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	As part of livelihood programme, the state have set up the Entrepreneurship Facilitation Centres (EFCs) at all Block headquarters which act as single window enterprise incubation centres by providing universal access to all the citizens. As on date more than one lakh entrepreneurs have registered with EFCs. The NEC may consider extending technical and financial support to the State Government to further accelerate this innovative programme.
Para 8.	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	State Government proposes to establish an Open School for children with special needs at Shillong. The open school will cater to the educational needs and vocational training for the people of Meghalaya and other NE States. NEC is requested to support this project.
Para 9.	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	Recent increase in enthusiasm for sports, has necessitated to set up one Regional Sports Academy at Shillong. The objective of the Academy is to provide the latest training and practicing facilities to sportspersons from the State as well as from the region as a whole. NEC may consider supporting the proposal.
Para 10	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	A decision to set up a School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) at Shillong was taken in the 57 th NEC meeting but has not been acted upon thereafter. It is suggested that this proposal may be revived and implemented.
Para 11	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	A proposal for setting up a Regional Institute of Environmental Studies (RIES) at Shillong was also reportedly agreed during the 57 th Plenary of the NEC but has not been acted upon.
Para 12	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	NEC may consider preparing a master plan for sports infrastructure in the North East.
Para 13	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	Sufficient information on the North East India should be included in the CBSE as well as State Boards school curriculum. In fact, the North East has much potential to contribute to the rest of the country. The relatively egalitarian society of the North East where women enjoy a high social status and the strong community bond of the people which also acts as insurance for the poor and needy is something that needs to be highlighted in the school textbooks. Secondly, there should be frequent exposure of youth and students from the North East in the National media, particularly the visual media in Doordarshan as well as the private channels.
Para 12	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	NEC may consider a scheme for the State to finance the setting up of Vocational Training Providers in the state. Under the Skill Development Initiative, the State Government has trained 9914 people from the state. Due to the unavailability of Vocational Training Providers in the State and in the North-east region, we had to send most of our students to far off cities such as Delhi and Mumbai. Unfortunately, despite successful placement,

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		more than 80% of the trained people returned back to the State. From this experience, it has become evident that skill development program will need to be augmented by handholding especially for our tribal youths. Government of India may like to consider setting up working men's and women's hostels in major cities across the nation especially for north-eastern youths.
Para 14	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	The state requires infrastructure Support from the NEC and DoNER Ministry for setting up one Regional Centre of Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) for Skill Development of the unemployed youth of the State. Requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister to sanction adequate amount from Skill Development Fund of Government of India for facilitating training of the youth in trade and vocational courses which have high employment potential
Para 14	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Proposal was made for North East Institute of Road Research and Development in the model of Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee and CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), New Delhi which is an urgent necessity.
Para 31	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	The NEC may also provide assistance for reorganizing the ITIs to cater to the demands of Industry and service sector.
Pg. 3	Shri P.B. Acharya, Hon'ble Governor, Nagaland	Skill Development: The Skill Development has to be accelerated on a war footing. There has to be a constructive dialogue between industry, Trade, commerce, and Universities and Higher Education so that need and supply will be addressed. We should also take into consideration our Natural Mineral Wealth & introduce new academic courses to create wealth.
Para 7	Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur	Central Government is setting up a Sports University in Manipur, one of its only kind in the Country. We need to keep this momentum going and start the project. NEC could consider stepping in to create state-of-art facility in-campus playgrounds, stadia etc. where international and national level sports in the fields like archery, shooting, polo etc. can be organized. This could give a boost to the sports loving tradition in the States and reap benefits for the society.
Pg. 3 & 4	Shri Lal Thanhawla, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mizoram	The NER Educational Council, a body constituted by NEC, made a number of excellent suggestions for a seamless education pattern, integration of general and vocational streams, improvement of teaching standard of science and mathematics etc. Besides, some years back a competent consultant agency appointed by the Council had prepared a specially designed skill development module for North East. NEC should prepare and help execution of a perspective plan to effect systemic change in the educational pattern and promote skill development of the youths on an extensive scale. We must appreciate that investment in human resource development is one of the most rewarding and productive investments.

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Pg. 4	Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma, Hon'ble Governor, Mizoram	We might have the highest literacy rates in the country, but there is big question mark on our literacy rate actually translating into jobs. Again, this is an issue which cannot be viewed in isolation. There has to be a comprehensive plan appreciating all the inherent linkages of such a subject. Our focus must not waver from the fact that the North Eastern people still have limited knowledge of Hindi and English. This is an area that the NEC as also DoNER in conjunction with other arms of the government can channelize some of their efforts.
Pg. 4	Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma, Hon'ble Governor, Mizoram	On the issue of Skill Development, again a comprehensive strategy for the region would be needed. It is an area which needs repeated emphasis, to train the youth with skills mapped to employment opportunities, both within and outside the region. We must realise that opportunities in the region would always be limited. Further, the issue of tapping into the youth dividend is intrinsically linked with health of the people, especially the youth.
Pg. 2	Shri Shrinivas Dada Saheb Patil, Hon'ble Governor, Sikkim	We may also think of one or two more sectors such as development of tourism, organic farming, floriculture development, disaster management and human resource development for the region. Sikkim can do well with an institute for organic farming and floriculture.
Para 10	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura	Request the NEC authority to take immediate action for early sanction of 10 projects submitted by the State Government for the rapid development of the State, of which some important projects are as below: ix) Construction of 200-300 bedded District Yava Abas (Youth Hostel) in Dhalai District.

Sector: Science & Technology

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Para 6.	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	There is an urgent need for providing necessary infrastructure to enable the use of telemedicine in all the Civil Hospitals, Community Health Centre and Primary Health Centres throughout the region. The NEC is requested to kindly provide necessary knowhow, technical expertise and financial support in this regard.
Para 7.	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	One more laboratory to cover 5 (five) Districts of Garo Hills at Tura is required to meet the demand for analysis of food samples drawn by the Food Safety Officers of the State and imported food samples drawn by the customs officials and similar other works. NEC may consider extending necessary technical and financial support for this project.
Para 1	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	The State is also rich in mineral resources and has extensive deposits of coal, limestone, granite, clay and other minerals. The potential areas of investment in the State are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronics & Information Technology NEC may consider promoting investments in these sectors.
Para 5	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	Network overloading, both by BSNL and the private service providers, is also equally to blame. Likewise broadband connectivity remains unsatisfactory. Even some of the district head quarters are not yet connected through this service. Quick provisioning of broadband service will help in the overall progress of the State in terms of the Digital India programme, tele-medicine services, long distance learning, virtual class rooms, I.T. centres in rural areas etc. In September, 2014, the Union Cabinet had approved a telecom infrastructure project of Rs. 5,336 crores for implementing a Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for the North Eastern Region (NER). The initiative taken by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Bangladesh in the form of an Agreement in June 2015 provides for International Internet Gateway to North East India through Cox Bazar in Bangladesh. In view of these major developments it is hoped that the telecommunication services in the North East will soon improve.
Para 9	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	It is desirable to conduct an intensive survey of government buildings, in the first instance, and to assess the requirements of retrofitting, if any, in view of the entire State of Meghalaya being in the high seismic zone. NEC may consider extending necessary technical and financial support to Meghalaya and other NE States in this area.
Para 2	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	The following deficits in telecommunication will require urgent attention on your part: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All India Radio covers only 57% of the area. Doordarshan covers 20% area of the State with 56% population coverage through terrestrial transmission. There is void in the entire border belt calling for an

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		<p>immediate focus and enhancing their reach even beyond border. At Bumla Pass on the LoAC along Indo-China border, mobile connectivity is non-existent causing lot of hardships to the Jawans, who have to travel long distance towards Tawang, for contacting their families or otherwise during difficult situation.</p> <p>(c) Doordarshan through DTH (Direct to Home) transmission can cover 100% population and 100% area of the State. It is important that for reaching every corner of the State, especially the border belt, the DTH sets be made available to the border areas, free of cost</p>
Para 7	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Requested the GOI to constitute one Expert group to assist in preparing a Master Plan for exploration of minerals, i.e., coal, petroleum, limestone, dolomite, graphite, quartzite, brine oil, marble, etc for development of the State
Para 11	Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur	The advent of Digital India has created a requirement for all Government Offices to be connected to internet for providing online services to the Citizens. The District HQs and Block HQs are being connected to SWAN and Bharat Net. However connectivity of the Government Offices are yet to be taken up. To address this requirement, a proposal has been included in the State priority list of NEC projects for the year 2016-17.
Para 11	Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur	The Government of Manipur has also set-up an Information Technology (IT) Park at Mantripukhri, Imphal with a total floor space of about 20,000 sq ft. Approximately 120 IT professional are working in the IT Park. The project aims to promote IT Park for attracting reputed companies, firms, etc. residing outside the State. With the advent of the Act East Policy, the IT Firms in Manipur are gearing up to expand and explore in Myanmar for opportunities. I urge the NEC and concerned agencies to support State for improvement of IT communication in the State.
Pg. 6	Shri Lal Thanhawla, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mizoram	Government of Mizoram has submitted a scheme for disaster management to NEC for funding.
Pg. 2	Shri Shriniwas Dada Saheb Patil, Hon'ble Governor, Sikkim	We may also think of one or two more sectors such as development of tourism, organic farming, floriculture development, disaster management and human resource development for the region. Sikkim can do well with an institute for organic farming and floriculture.
Para 9	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura	Tripura is currently connected with rest of the country through OFC link. During natural calamities, disruptions of telecom link between Agartala and Guwahati often happens due to OFC damage. In view of this, Indo-Bangla OFC link needs to be established to have redundancy. The International Internet Gateway (SEAMEWE4) via Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh has recently been launched, but for some reason the internet

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		connectivity in the State has not improved noticeably. This needs to be looked into.

Sector: Evaluation & Monitoring

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Para 2	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	The NEC may also consider extending necessary technical assistance to the States in preparation of DPRs, effective coordination with various central ministries, gap funding in case of convergence of projects besides independent evaluation and monitoring.
Pg. 5	Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma, Hon'ble Governor, Mizoram	Substantial upgrade and clarity in the role of NEC as a regional body to address issues of connectivity, education, skill development and basic health on a regional canvas is necessary. Its mandate should not only include planning, but also coordination and monitoring. Alongside, commensurate with the vision for North East, timely allocation of funds, adequate coordination and monitoring are vital. We also need to give special attention to our border belt and develop it expeditiously.
Pg. 5	Shri Pawan Chamling, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sikkim	The current method for monitoring NEC projects need strengthening. Besides the mandatory State Level Monitoring, it is suggested the NEC may set up online computerized monitoring system like that of the MGNREGA and other central schemes. This will assist in reducing communication gaps between NEC and the States.

Sector: Information & Public Relation

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Para 13	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	Sufficient information on the North East India should be included in the CBSE as well as State Boards school curriculum. In fact, the North East has much potential to contribute to the rest of the country. The relatively egalitarian society of the North East where women enjoy a high social status and the strong community bond of the people which also acts as insurance for the poor and needy is something that needs to be highlighted in the school textbooks. Secondly, there should be frequent exposure of youth and students from the North East in the National media, particularly the visual media in Doordarshan as well as the private channels.

Sector: Planning

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Para 14	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	There are considerable delays in the implementation of projects of the NEC as well as the DoNER due to delays in technical vetting of estimates and issue of sanctions. It is suggested that suitable technical personnel with adequate powers be placed in the NEC Secretariat for technical approval of both the NEC as well as the DoNER schemes.
Para 14	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	As per the NEC's Revised Guidelines, cost of land acquisition is not included in the project. However, it may be mentioned that in most States of the North East, land is predominantly owned by private land owners and has to be acquired by the Government for executing developmental projects. It will be difficult for the States to meet these costs from their own resources. As land is a fixed capital, the NEC may allow the cost of land as one of the components in the projects funded by the NEC.
Para 15	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya	The role of the NEC as a regional planner should therefore be backed by adequate resources to address issues that have inter-State and regional ramifications. The current level of annual allocation of Rs. 800 crores for the NEC is not adequate and needs to be increased substantially. Further, to fulfill the role of a catalytic regional planning body, the NEC Secretariat needs to be remodeled in its functioning by equipping it with experts such as regional planners, environmental planners, city planners, transportation planners etc. to make it a more vibrant organization. I propose that the NEC be equipped with such professionals.
Para 18	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Suggested that upto project cost of about Rs. 20 lakh or so, direct submission of proposal to the NEC without routing through the State Govt. may be allowed.
Para 13	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	Assam supports enhancement of the allocation for NEC and a rational distribution of funds among the states of the region on a clearly laid out criteria.
Para 14	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	The funding for NEC/NLCPR projects should be on a 100 percent basis.
Para 16	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	NEC should allow incorporating the land cost in the DPR for acquiring project land in case of certain categories of projects
Para 2	Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur	However, without enhancement of budget allocation of NEC it will be difficult to provide fund for these core areas. Considering the bona-fide needs of the economically backward small States of the NE Region, I would like to draw the kind attention of Hon'ble Prime Minister through this August House for substantial enhancement of NEC and NLCPR budget and for providing flexible additional funds to the NE States. Adequate

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		investment of Plan funds is also required to compensate earlier lack of fund flow to NER as Special Category States. One time package from NLCPR of 10% GBS may be provided to all NE States for completion of ongoing projects and for streamlining future fund flow of NEC/NLCPR funds to these States.
Para 3	Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur	I appreciate that NEC has taken action on our concern and enhanced our share of allocation. However, percentage allocation for Manipur, which are still less than 6% and needs enhancement in the coming years to reach at par with other States getting more than 6% of the total releases.
Para 5	Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur	Manipur Government has suggested to review the clause on transfer of land to State Government or leasing out of the same to the State Government for 50 years in case of infrastructural support to Private Institutes/Societies, at least for the ongoing projects. The current provision has delayed completion of ongoing schemes like Construction of Boy's Hostel, Girls Hostel of the R. K. Sanatombi Devi Vidyalayas at Jiribam, for which State Government has entered into MOU without this provision.
Para 5	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor, Manipur	I would like to draw the kind attention of Hon'ble Prime Minister through this August House for substantial enhancement of NEC and Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources budget and for providing one time package of Rs. 2000 crores for NE States for completion of ongoing projects and streamlining future flow of NEC fund to these States.
Para 6	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor, Manipur	Considering the strategic location of the North East States, NEC can play a vital role in the 'Act East Policy' of the Government of India. NEC as a regional planning body can spearhead infrastructure as well as human resource development and may coordinate the efforts of the State Government of the region to actualize the Act East Policy. NEC can play the role of regional council of the NER envisaged in the NITI Aayog for planning and development in the region as a whole.
Para 7	Shri V. Shanmuganathan, Hon'ble Governor, Manipur	I would like to express my appreciation to the NEC for Revised Sectoral scheme guidelines of NEC. I hope this changes will encourage progress of ongoing schemes and would include amendment to the clause on transfer of land to State Government or leasing out the same for 50 years for infrastructural support to Private Institutes/ Societies. This is delaying completion of ongoing schemes like Construction of Boy's Hostel, Girls Hostel of the R.K. Sanatombi Devi Vidyalayas at Jiribam, for which State Government has entered into MoU without this provision.
Pg. 2	Shri Lal Thanhawla, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mizoram	It is depressing to find that against the approved outlay of Rs. 6108 crore for NEC's 12 th Plan only a little over Rs. 4108 crore will have been actually allocated till terminal year of the Plan period i.e. 2016-17. It is a tragic irony that huge Plan funds are allowed to lapse when the region really needs larger financial resources. This deficiency should be made good. Hon'ble Prime Minister in his address to the first meeting of the Governing

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		Council of NITI Aayog very rightly emphasized on the cycle of investment, growth, job creation and prosperity. He also assured that the States would be empowered with finance, with technology and knowledge to ensure better plan preparation and better execution. To meet the development needs of the NE States, the Centre should be very liberal in fund allocation to NEC as well as to the NE States.
Pg. 3	Shri Lal Thanhawla, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mizoram	NEC may draft a perspective infrastructure development plan based on the vision document and Government of India may provide the needed fund to implement such a plan.
Pg. 3	Shri Lal Thanhawla, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mizoram	NEC may consider setting up of a Regional Maintenance Fund to help the constituent units in this behalf.
Pg. 1 & 2	Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma, Hon'ble Governor, Mizoram	NEC as a regional planning body has a pivotal role in the development of North East. The revised NEC guidelines approved in the last Plenary in 2015 reiterates this by highlighting its role, not only in regional planning, but in funding and monitoring as well. It is a holistic approach to deal with the region in consultation with various stakeholders. I am glad that it has been debated as item on the agenda, for it is in keeping with NER Vision 2020. It encapsulates aspirations of the people in the region and brings out the tasks ahead for the Central Government, NEC and the constituent States to translate the vision into reality. Basically, there is a strong case to provide a much needed role clarity and more teeth to the NEC
Pg. 2	Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma, Hon'ble Governor, Mizoram	The complexities of North East, well known to this august house, demand that we look at both the common thread that runs through all the eight sister States, and yet not overlook the specifics of each State. Towards this end, NEC under the aegis of DoNER, may essentially focus on the common issues, which require a regional perspective. It will also have a cascading effect on State specific developmental requirements, be it agriculture, tourism, industry and so on. These can continue to be dealt with as hitherto fore.
Pg. 5	Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma, Hon'ble Governor, Mizoram	We must also recall that 12 th Five Year Plan of the NEC firmed up at Rs. 13027.38 crores and revised to Rs. 21507.41 crores, finally resulted in Gross Budgetary Support of Rs. 6108.00 crore. Against this approved amount, plan provision so far has been only about 50% of it. We are in the terminal year and the allocation stands at Rs. 795 crores. On one hand, it calls for increased and timely allocation of funds, on the other, it is important for the stakeholders to look into aspects of capacity to utilize the funds effectively. Alongside, we need to dig into the mandate of allotment of 10% of each Ministries funds to be utilized in the North East in a non-lapsable mode.
Pg. 5	Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma, Hon'ble Governor, Mizoram	Substantial upgrade and clarity in the role of NEC as a regional body to address issues of connectivity, education, skill development and basic health on a regional canvas is necessary. Its mandate should not only include planning, but also coordination and monitoring. Alongside, commensurate with

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		the vision for North East, timely allocation of funds, adequate coordination and monitoring are vital. We also need to give special attention to our border belt and develop it expeditiously.
Pg. 6	Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma, Hon'ble Governor, Mizoram	Recommend that the annual NEC meetings are followed by half yearly/ quarterly issue specific meetings for each State to monitor and assist the execution of plans.
Pg. 2	Shri Pawan Chamling, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sikkim	The NEC was set up with the objective of accelerating development process of the NER in order to bring it at par with the rest of the country. The NEC however, has not been able to achieve its objective fully due to various reasons. Two reasons come to my mind immediately. First, the allocation of funds to NEC has been grossly inadequate and secondly, the NEC needs to be made more robust and strengthened with adequate man power, so that it can play its role more actively as a Regional Planning body.
Pg. 3	Shri Pawan Chamling, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sikkim	I appeal to the NEC that once the Annual Plan is finalized, the remaining NEC releases for the old schemes may kindly be released to the State at the earliest.
Pg. 4	Shri Pawan Chamling, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sikkim	The Ministry of DoNER and the NEC could work out short term and long term development strategies and to impress upon Government of India and its implementing agencies for time bound implementation of the infrastructure.
Pg. 4	Shri Pawan Chamling, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sikkim	I feel that NEC needs to move closer to the States, for example NEC officials can consider visiting the States of the NER at least once a year to hold meetings of the project approval committee in the respective States. If this is made possible the decision making process would be faster since the entire State machinery would be available for deliberation of the projects and clarifications if any.
Pg. 6	Shri Pawan Chamling, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sikkim	The speedy development of the NER is absolutely necessary if the region is to catch up with the rest of the country. For this to happen, it is essential that the institutions created for the development of the region i.e. DoNER and NEC are allocated adequate financial powers and autonomy to enable them to fulfil the objective for which they have been created.
Pg. 3	Shri Shrinivas Dada Saheb Patil, Hon'ble Governor, Sikkim	It is now time that the Government of India fund the Vision 2020 of the NER in a phased manner. At the same time, State Priorities also need active consideration of NEC. Besides, it is obvious that the NEC needs to be funded generously by Government of India if the NER is to catch up with the rest of the country.
Pg. 3	Shri Shrinivas Dada Saheb Patil, Hon'ble Governor, Sikkim	Meetings of the Council just once a year may not do justice to the greater task at hand and the challenges that lie ahead for the North Eastern Region.
Pg. 4	Shri Shrinivas Dada Saheb Patil, Hon'ble Governor, Sikkim	NEC should play a role of facilitator in preparing project reports and other study reports of relevance to the Region. The NEC should take the lead in suggesting pioneering ideas and proposals. The Council should be a Resource Centre for the

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		State Governments. It should monitor the progress, resource allocation, strategies and effectiveness of resource utilization.
Para 2	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura	The proposed outlay of the 12 th Five Year Plan of the NEC is Rs. 13027.38 crores and the approved outlay is Rs. 6108.00 crores. But the funds released during first 4 years is Rs. 2821.20 crores which is only 46.20% of the approved outlay of 12 th Five Year Plan. The trend thus does not support that NEC will be able to protect the size of approved outlay of 12 th Plan. Therefore there is a need of judicious look in the matter so that adequate fund is provided to NEC for the development of the region.
Para 6	Shri Manik Sarkar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura	<p>I would like to suggest some steps for improving the functioning of NEC, so that the NEC can effectively play its desired role for the development of the North Eastern Region. These are as follows”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Minister of the DoNER should be in the rank of Union Cabinet Minister. b) Hon'ble Union Home Minister and the Vice Chairman NITI Aayog, may be included as members of the NEC. c) A Monitoring Cell under PMO may be set up to see the progress of various schemes in the region. d) The NEC should convene two meetings at least in a year, one meeting could be for preparation of the NEC budget along with specific plans, and the second, for the effective and meaningful review of the schematic progress. e) For better planning and development, it is proposed that the Sector Specific Committees may be constituted with the Chief Ministers. To start with such committees on (i) Connectivity (ii) Agriculture & Allied Sectors (iii) Power & Industry (iv) Education & Health Sector may be constituted. f) There is a need to provide adequate allocation of funds. The trend of receiving less allocation has resulted in many decisions of the NEC remaining unimplemented, and if, the present state continues, NEC would fall short of serving any meaningful purpose. This negative approach needs to be changed. g) The financial powers of NEC for sanction of projects are grossly inadequate. The Government of India had increased the powers of sanction of the Secretary, NEC from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 15 crore after a lot of persuasion for over a decade. I would suggest that further delegation of financial power may be enhanced adequately, by creating an appropriate mechanism for evaluation and sanction of Projects within the NEC. h) The allocation of funds to various States in the North Eastern Region by the NEC has not been equitable. To remove any misunderstanding I would urge upon the NEC to work out a mechanism for equitable distribution of resources among the States in the Region.

Sector: Finance

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Para 1	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	The Government of India should relook at the fund allocation to the North Eastern Council, if it has to fulfill its mandate for the benefit of the people of the North East.
Para 1	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	Suggested that some of the available funds under the pool (NLCPR) may be allocated to the NEC for implementation of inter-sectoral and integrated development plans in various N.E. States, particularly as investments to achieve the goals under NER Vision 2020.
Para 15	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Central Government should either consider increasing the allocation under NLCPR or the allocation for NEC may be increased so as to take up the backlog of retained NLCPR projects under NEC funding.
Para 18	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	SPA, SCA, ACA may be continued or a onetime grant has to be given to Arunachal Pradesh. Through this platform, request was made to the Hon'ble Prime Minister to kindly consider giving the State Government a lump-sum one time financial assistance to tide over the situation.
Para 14	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	The funding for NEC/NLCPR projects should be on a 100 percent basis.
Pg. 3 & 4	Shri Shriniwas Dada Saheb Patil, Hon'ble Governor, Sikkim	UCs and QPRs are being sent to NEC on a timely basis. We now, expect that the NEC will be in a position to expeditiously release the remaining balance funds to the State Government and consider sanction of some priority schemes of the Government of Sikkim.
Para 6	Shri Manik Sarkar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura	I would like to suggest some steps for improving the functioning of NEC, so that the NEC can effectively play its desired role for the development of the North Eastern Region. These are as follows" g) The financial powers of NEC for sanction of projects are grossly inadequate. The Government of India had increased the powers of sanction of the Secretary, NEC from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 15 crore after a lot of persuasion for over a decade. I would suggest that further delegation of financial power may be enhanced adequately, by creating an appropriate mechanism for evaluation and sanction of Projects within the NEC.

All Sectors

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Para 2	Dr. Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya	Suggested that the NEC should henceforth act as an extension of various Ministries of the Government of India and bring out regular bulletins and circulars informing different State Governments about various opportunities and avenues which they can avail of from the Central Government.
Para 17	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	A large number of assets have been created in the states through NEC funding but there is a problem regarding their maintenance. NEC should provide the provision of five year maintenance fund to each member state. This provision for maintenance will provide necessary cushion to the state governments to take over the project gradually.
Para 4	Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur	The state has already drawn up a priority plan for the Year 2016-17 and submitted to the NEC along-with concept notes and DPRs for some of these projects. NEC to consider the priority list of projects in core thrust areas and release funds for ongoing schemes early.

Ministry of Home Affairs

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Pg. 5	Shri Kalikho Pul, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh	He requested the assistance of Central Government of India to raise more India Reserve Battalion in Arunachal Pradesh
Para 5	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	The issue of lager scale migration from the remote border areas to the urban areas down south is a major national security concern. It is proposed that the Ministry of Defence consider setting up Military cantonments in the remote areas near the Sino-Indian border to seed urbanization in the area and would ensure providing urban amenities in remote areas.
Pg. 3 & 4	Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma, Hon'ble Governor, Mizoram	I would like to highlight the requirement of addressing the developmental issues of border areas in all the North Eastern States. Due to lack of development, there is thinning out of population to cities/ towns in the interior. For example, more than 1/4 th of Mizoram's population resides in and around Aizawl, the State capital. Such a trend exists in all the border States. It leaves the border quite vulnerable and weakens our security. It is suggested that a comprehensive plan be drawn and border belt of all the States developed on priority and under the aegis of BADP. Our border guarding Security Forces can play a more active role in the implementation of such developmental programmes.
Pg. 2	Shri P.B. Acharya, Hon'ble Governor,	Mahila IR Battalion: The State Government has raised 7 (seven) Indian Reserve Battalions including one Mahila IR Battalion. The

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	Nagaland	NEC and Ministry of DoNER is requested to evolve a strategy to extend infrastructure support to such Battalions.
Para 8	Shri Manik Sarkar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura	It is worthwhile to mention that this region has been facing continuous threat and challenges from various insurgent threat and challenges from various insurgent groups. It is primarily due to underdevelopment and backwardness. Therefore, there is a need of well thought strategy to mainstream the misguided youths by constructive dialogue and engagement with the active involvement of the Union Government. There is a need to have a composite package of the Government of India in place to address their concerns of a decent livelihood post their surrender.
Para 9	Shri Manik Sarkar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura	At the same time, I take this opportunity to bring to the notice of Hon'ble Prime Minister, a long pending issue of Bru (Reang) Migrants from Mizoram who are staying in Tripura for last about 20 years. Their continued stay has been creating socio-economic and law & order problems. It is requested that the migrants may be repatriated to Mizoram at the earliest.

Ministry of Defence

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Para 5	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	The issue of lager scale migration from the remote border areas to the urban areas down south is a major national security concern. It is proposed that the Ministry of Defence consider setting up Military cantonments in the remote areas near the Sino-Indian border to seed urbanization in the area and would ensure providing urban amenities in remote areas.

Ministry of Finance

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Para 19	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam	The State Government is now planning to take series of projects under EAP covering critical sectors like power, inland waterways, roads, river bank management and agribusiness. It is, therefore, earnestly requested that the existing ration of Grant and Loan of 90:10 may be continued.

Pg. 4	Shri Shrinivas Dada Saheb Patil, Hon'ble Governor, Sikkim	As you are aware Sikkim has also been hit adversely due to the stoppage and further funding of Additional Central Assistance/ Special Plan Assistances to ongoing projects in the State, therefore, further funding of these schemes is a major challenge for us. The Government of India therefore, may consider funding the remaining portion of the ACA/SPA projects through the DoNER Ministry's, NLCPR funding. If this happens then many projects and schemes of importance can be completed.
Para 7	Shri Manik Sarkar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tripura	I also take this opportunity to bring this matter to the notice of the Hon'ble Prime Minister that the NE States used to get fund as block grants from the erstwhile Planning Commission under Normal Central Assistance (NCA), Special Central Assistance (SCA) and Special Plan Assistance (SPA) for creation of infrastructure facilities and to bridge the Revenue gap. However, from the last financial year, with the creation of the NITI Aayog, we are not getting any such funds. This has created serious hardship in implementation of developmental projects. We have no other option but to approach the Union Government to help us to over-come this financial crunch and devolve necessary measures for subsequent years.

Ministry of DoNER

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Para 18	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh	Request was made to Hon'ble Prime Minister to get the proposal examined considering the backwardness of the region and take a favorable decision on this subject and also requested for urgent release of the balance amount payable to NEC by way of Non Lapsable Central Pool Resources (NLCPR) pending since 1998-99 onwards which is about Rs. 15000 crore.

Ministry of External Affairs

Para 6	Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor, Tripura	In order to undertake a journey by bus, Indian citizens have to have passport and visa. I have already written to the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs with a suggestion to have an arrangement similar to what had existed between erstwhile West Germany (FRG) and West Berlin before their unification of 1990.
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PART - F

PROGRAMME OF THE 65TH PLENARY OF NEC

NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

SHILLONG

65TH NEC PLENARY MEETING

26th May, 2016

DAY 1		
1.	Convention Centre, Pinewood Hotel Shillong	
	Technical Session - 1: (Chaired by Member, NEC)	0930 hrs - 1130 hrs
i	Agriculture	
ii	Rural Development	
iii	Textiles	
iv	Application of Space Technology	
v	Skill Development	
vi	Tribal Development	
	TEA BREAK 1130 hrs to 1200 hrs	
	Technical Session - 2: (Chaired by Member, NEC)	1200 hrs - 1330 hrs
i	Medicinal and Aromatic Plants	
ii	Commerce	
iii	Financial Services	
iv	Human Resource Development	
v	Inland Waterways	
vi	Health and Family Welfare	
	LUNCH BREAK	1330 hrs - 1400 hrs
	Technical Session - 3: (Chaired by Member, NEC)	1400 hrs - 1550 hrs
i.	Roads	
ii	Food Processing	
iii	Civil Aviation	
iv	Power	
v	Tourism	

(26th May, 2016 at 9.00 pm)

**NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL SECRETARIAT
SHILLONG
65TH NEC PLENARY MEETING
AT CONVENTION CENTRE, PINWOOD HOTEL, SHILLONG**

	26/05/2016 (Chaired by Chairman, NEC)	1600 hrs - 1800 hrs
	Lighting of lamp & Curtain Raiser	1600 hrs to 1610 hrs
	Discussion on Agenda	1610 hrs to 1800 hrs
Agenda Item No. 1	Confirmation of the proceedings of the 64 th Plenary of NEC held on 9 th & 10 th April 2015	
Agenda Item No. 2	Tabling of the Action Taken Report on the 64 th Plenary	
Agenda Item No. 3	Report on NEC – Secretary, NEC	
Agenda Item No. 4	Approval of Draft Annual Plan of NEC, 2016-17 by the Council	
Agenda Item No. 5	Approval of the Amendment of the Revised NEC General Guidelines	
Agenda Item No. 6	North East- Organic capital of the country	
Agenda Item No. 7	North Eastern Road Sector Development Scheme (upgradation and maintenance of orphan roads, inter-state roads etc.)	
Agenda Item No. 8	Assistance for procurement of agri and horticulture produces including medicinal plants to give remunerative price to farmers to be implemented by Central/ State Agencies	
Agenda Item No. 9	Extension of runway at Umroi Airport, Shillong.	
Agenda Item No. 10	NE Tourism Development Council	
Agenda Item No. 11	Partial assistance to States/ NGOs for setting up of an iconic skill centre/ infrastructure for NER Youths in collaboration with NABARD 50%	
Agenda Item No. 12	Act East Secretariat in NEC in collaboration with IIM, Shillong	
Agenda Item No. 13	Any other Agenda Items with the approval of the Chair.	

Dinner for participants of the NEC Plenary meeting at Pinewood Hotel - 1930 hrs

Tea and Coffee will be available in the Banquet hall from 1500 hrs

**NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL SECRETARIAT
SHILLONG
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At Convention Centre, Pinewood Hotel, Shillong
On 27th May, 2016
DAY-2**

1. Flagging of Marathon race “*North East Leads the Way – Swacch Bharat Abhiyan*”
from Polo Grounds, Shillong
0600 hrs

	Technical session (Presentations)	0945 hrs – 1045 hrs
i	Ministry of Railways	
ii	BADP	
iii	External Affairs	
iv	Drinking Water and Sanitation	
v	NHIDCL	

**TEA BREAK 1045 hrs to 1055 hrs
1100 hrs – 1250 hrs**

1	1100 hrs	Prime Minister arrives on dais
2	1100-1105 hrs	Presentation of Bouquet and Memento to dignitaries on dais by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union MoS (DoNER) & Chairman, North Eastern Council
3.	1105-1108 hrs	Welcome speech by Shri Naveen Verma, Secretary, Ministry of DoNER
4.	1108-1115 hrs	Screening of film on Progress of North Eastern Region in the last two years
5.	1115-1119 hrs	Speech by Dr. Mukul Sangma, Chief Minister, Meghalaya
6.	1119-1123 hrs	Speech by V. Shanmuganathan, Governor, Meghalaya
7.	1123-1127 hrs	Speech by Shri Kalikho Pul, Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh
8	1127-1131 hrs	Speech by Shri J.P. Rajkhowa, Governor, Arunachal Pradesh
9.	1131-1135 hrs	Speech by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Chief Minister, Assam
10.	1135-1139 hrs	Speech by Shri P.B. Acharya, Governor, Assam & Nagaland
11.	1139-1143 hrs	Speech by Shri O. Ibobi Singh, Chief Minister, Manipur
12.	1143-1147 hrs	Speech by Shri Lalthanhawla, Chief Minister, Mizoram
13.	1147-1151 hrs	Speech by Shri Lt. Gen. (Rtd.) Nirbhay Sharma, Governor, Mizoram
14.	1151-1155 hrs	Speech by Shri T.R. Zeliang, Chief Minister, Nagaland
15.	1155-1159 hrs	Speech by Shri Pawan Chamling, Chief Minister, Sikkim
16.	1159-1203 hrs	Speech by Shri Shriniwas Dadasaheb Patil, Governor, Sikkim
17.	1203-1207 hrs	Speech by Shri Tathagatha Roy, Governor, Tripura
18.	1207-1212 hrs	Speech by Dr. Jitendra Singh, MoS (I/C) DoNER & Chairman, NEC
19.	1212-1247 hrs	Address by Hon’ble Prime Minister
20.	1247-1250 hrs	Vote of thanks by Shri Ram Muivah, Secretary, North Eastern Council
21	1250 hrs	Prime Minister departs for Lunch

Hon’ble Prime Minister arrives at Raj Bhawan

- 1300 hrs

LUNCH AT CONVENTION CENTRE, PINWOOD HOTEL FOR PARTICIPANTS 1300 hrs – 1400hrs

LUNCH AND RESERVED FOR HON’BLE PRIME MINISTER 1300 – 1500 hours

P.T.O

1	1515 hrs	PM arrives at Exhibition Hall, Indoor Stadium
2	1515-1530 hrs	Inauguration and visit of Exhibition on Achievements of the Government of India
3.	1533-1548 hrs	Inauguration and visit of Exhibition of Products of Self Help Groups at Polo Ground No. 5
4.	1550 hrs	Prime Minister arrives on dais
5.	1550-1553 hrs	Welcome address by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union MoS (I/C) (DoNER) and Chairman, North Eastern Council
6.	1553-1558 hrs	Speech by Dr. Mukul Sangma, Chief Minister, Meghalaya
7.	1558-1615 hrs	<p>I. Distribution of Awards to –</p> <p>(a) Winners of Marathon</p> <p>(b) The Cleanest State in NER</p> <p>(c) The Cleanest City in NER</p> <p>(d) The Cleanest Area in Shillong</p> <p>II. Laying of Foundation Stone of Ampati Football Stadium (by Remote Control Button)</p> <p>III. Flagging –off of Trains (by Remote Control Button) between</p> <p>(a) Jiribam (Manipur) – Silchar (Assam)</p> <p>(b) Bairabi (Mizoram) – Silchar (Assam)</p> <p>(c) Kamakhya-Vaishno Devi Katra (J&K)</p> <p>IV. Dedication to the Nation of Doplar Weather RADAR at Cheerapunjee (by Remote Control Button)</p>
8	1615-1643 hrs	Address by Hon'ble Prime Minister
9.	1643-1645 hrs	Vote of thanks by Shri K.S. Kropcha, Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya
10.	1645 hrs	Prime Minister departs

1700-1905 hrs - RESERVED

24.	VVIP departs Raj Bhawan by road	-	1910 hrs
25.	VVIP arrives at Convention Centre, Pinewood Hotel	-	1915 hrs
26.	Cultural Programme	-	1915-2000 hrs
27.	Dinner	-	2000-2100 hrs
28.	VVIP departs from Convention Centre, Pinewood Hotel by road	-	2105 hrs
29.	VVIP arrives at Raj Bhawan	-	2110 hrs

2110 HRS ONWARDS - RESERVED

NIGHT HALT

28th May, 2016 (SATURDAY)

30.	VVIP departs from Raj Bhawan by road	-	0800 hrs
31.	VVIP arrives Elephant Falls	-	0815 hrs

0815 - 0858 HRS - VISIT ELEPHANT FALLS

32.	VVIP departs Elephant Falls by road	-	0830 hrs
33.	VVIP arrives Mawphlang Village	-	0905 hrs

0905 - 0925 HRS - VISIT MAWPHLANG HERITAGE VILLAGE

34.	VVIP departs Mawphlang Village by road	-	0930 hrs
35.	VVIP arrives Upper Shillong Helipad	-	1000 hrs
36.	VVIP departs Upper Shillong Helipad	-	1005 hrs
37.	VVIP arrives Guwahati Airport	-	1040 hrs
38.	VVIP departs Guwahati Airport	-	1045 hrs
39.	VVIP arrives Delhi Airport	-	1315 hrs

PART G

ANNEXURES

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's address at the 65th Plenary Session of the North Eastern Council on May 27, 2016

North Eastern Council Chairman, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Governors, Chief Ministers and all the Members of North Eastern Council Secretariat.

I am very happy to be here for the North Eastern Council Plenary meeting. I also take this opportunity of welcoming you all to this meeting. I hope that the deliberations that have already taken place since yesterday and further deliberations that we have today, will help in faster development of this region.

I am also happy to note that the North Eastern Council has provided support in the development of the North East region. It has been instrumental in establishment of a number of institutions and taking up infrastructure projects in the region.

The North Eastern Council was set up in 1972. Since then it has contributed to the development of the North East region. To meet the growing aspirations of the people, it is important that the North Eastern Council introspects and assesses the extent to which it has been able to achieve its objectives. Perhaps, there is a need to re-orient and upgrade the North Eastern Council. You may like to consider developing the North Eastern Council as a state-of-the-art resource centre for the North Eastern states with the necessary resources, knowledge and skills. The resource centre may enable the states and the implementing agencies to properly plan and execute projects, promote research and innovations and provide strategic policy vision for the region.

The North Eastern Council may look into developing a specialised domain expertise either by itself or through an agency model to assist states and central ministries in their development planning as also problem solving needs. This will enable the imbibing of good governance and best practices in the region. The North Eastern Council should also consider focussing on issues in emerging areas of livelihood, entrepreneurship, venture funds, start-ups and skill development. All this will help in generating jobs.

The government has been focussing on the development of the North East region through its pro-active "Act East Policy". As part of this policy, we are focussing on reducing the isolation of the region by improving all round connectivity through road, rail, telecom, power and waterways sectors.

If the western region of the country can develop, if other regions of the country can develop, I see no reason why the North East region of the country cannot develop. I am also convinced that India can move forward if all the regions develop including the North East region. The North East region is also very important to us for strategic reasons. And it is my conviction that we have to bring this region at par with the other developed regions of the country.

In the current Budget, more than Rs.30,000 crores have been earmarked for the North East region. It should be our endeavour to ensure that this money is spent well for the development of the region.

We believe in cooperative and competitive federalism. States that are strong and want to grow further, need to be given adequate authority and resources. And States that are not so strong, need to be given needful assistance. It is in this regard that based on the report of the Committee of Chief Ministers, we have decided to continue to provide assistance in the ratio of 90:10 for core Central schemes and 80:20 for non-core schemes to the North Eastern States.

In the recent past, we have established two important projects in Assam - Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited and Numaligarh Refinery Limited's wax unit. These are big projects that would create huge employment opportunities in the North East region. However, it has taken us many years to complete these projects. We have to ensure that we are able to complete our projects in time and without cost over-runs. Only then can we realise the true benefits of these projects.

The North East is the gateway to South East Asia and we need to take advantage of this. We are opening up both road and rail routes to our neighbouring countries. This should give a boost to the economic development of the region.

We have created a specialised highways construction agency for the North East - the "National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation" - that was incorporated on 18th July 2014. Since then it has set up its Branch Offices, one each in every North Eastern State. As of today, it is implementing 34 projects in the North Eastern States covering a length of 1001 kilometres at a total cost of over Rs. 10,000 crore.

In the road sector, we need to keep in view the special land and weather conditions of this area. Most of the North East areas get a lot of rainfall and are also prone to natural calamities and land-slides. We thus need to be careful in using appropriate technologies in the construction of roads in this area.

We have recently implemented an improved internet connectivity project for the North East region in collaboration with Bangladesh. This will make available 10 GB of seamless alternate bandwidth for the region. This integration will benefit the North East region tremendously.

The Government is also making a heavy investment in power transmission projects covering all the eight North Eastern states at a cost of around Rs 10,000 crore. This would ensure power to more areas. The recent commissioning of Bishwanath-Chariyali-Agra transmission line has also brought 500 MegaWatt additional capacity to the region.

The railways have undertaken a major expansion in the region at a cost of around Rs 10,000 crore. In November 2014, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya were put up on the rail map. Agartala

in Tripura has also been connected with broad gauge line. We are on the way to ensure that all the North East states come on the rail map soon.

In the North East, the Indian Railways has commissioned about 900 kilometres of Broad Gauge in the last two years, leaving only about 50 kilometres Meter Gauge lines to be converted in 2016-17. In addition, a 132 kilometre part of third alternative connectivity route to North East (that is New Maynaguri – Jogighopa) has also been commissioned.

There are a number of strengths of the North East which we need to harness for healthy growth of the region. All the states of the North East region are blessed with natural scenic beauty, distinct historical cultural and ethnic heritage. All this offers tremendous scope for tourism in the region. There is also a great scope for mountaineering, trekking and adventure tourism in the region. If developed and promoted well, this can emerge as the biggest employer in the region. It can also add to the growth and income of the region.

I understand that the Ministry of Tourism has identified a thematic circuit for the North East region. I hope that the North Eastern states will make the best use of the scheme to develop tourist circuits and attract tourists from all over the world. The region can also look into combining a few popular destinations of the neighbouring countries with their tourism circuits. This will be an added attraction for tourists.

The majority of youth of the North East region is English speaking. With improved connectivity and language skills, you may look into setting up of the BPO industry in the region.

The Government has approved North East BPO promotion scheme in the Digital India programme for creation of employment opportunities. The North East States must avail facilities and get these BPOs operationalized in their respective States. This will promote growth and provide jobs to our youth.

The North East is home to exotic fruits, flowers, vegetables, aromatic plants, and herbs. Most of them are organic in origin. If we focus our development strategy on organic farming, it would help the region greatly.

A few months ago, I was in Sikkim and participated in a function to declare Sikkim as the first organic state in the country. Other States can take a lead from Sikkim and the North East Council can also play an important role in the development of organic farming in the region. The North East can become the organic food basket for this country. Organic products are going to be increasingly used widely and if the North East Council can assist the states in the region to take a lead in this area, it will contribute immensely to the income of the people and the region.

There is a large rural population in the North East region. If we talk of Assam alone, 86% of the population lives in rural areas. We have initiated the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Mission to bring in economic, social and basic development of the rural areas in a cluster model. It should be the endeavour of the region's states to make use of this mission for the development of the rural areas.

In the end, I would like to express my gratitude to the chairman and all the members of the North Eastern Council for successfully conducting the plenary meeting in Shillong.

My special thanks to the Governor and the Chief Minister of Meghalaya for hosting this meeting. I am sure that the deliberations in this meeting will go a long way in providing direction to the development of the region. Thank you.



**65th PLENARY OF THE
NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL**

**ADDRESS OF
DR. JITENDRA SINGH
HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE (I/C)
MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
AND
CHAIRMAN, NEC**

On

26th & 27th May, 2016

At the

**STATE CONVENTION HALL,
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SHILLONG**

**Address of the Chairman, NEC to the 65th Plenary Session of NEC
(in bullet points)**

- Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji, Hon'ble Governors and Chief Ministers of North Eastern States, Hon'ble Members, NEC and distinguished invitees.
- I welcome you all today for the 65th NEC Plenary Session where we will be deliberating on developmental issues of the North Eastern Region.
- Hon'ble Prime Minister, who has kindly consented to be with us today, has been repeatedly emphasizing on the need for the speedy development of the North Eastern Region. Sir, your advice and guidance will strengthen the NEC in its efforts to bring the North East at par with the rest of the country.
- Hon'ble Prime Minister, before I dwell upon the achievements and issues of NEC in detail, I would like to take this opportunity to apprise you that to take forward your vision for the country and the North East in particular, in this 65th Plenary Session of NEC we will be deliberating and taking decisions on:
 - (1) North East- Organic capital of the country**
 - (2) North Eastern Road Sector Development Scheme (upgradation and maintenance of orphan roads, inter-state roads etc.);**
 - (3) Assistance for procurement of agri and horticulture produces including medicinal plants to give remunerative price to farmers to be implemented by Central/ State Agencies;**
 - (4) Extension of runway at Umroi Airport, Shillong;**
 - (5) NE Tourism Development Council;**
 - (6) Partial assistance to States/ NGO for setting up of an iconic skill centre/ infrastructure for NER Youths in collaboration with NABARD 50%**
 - (7) Act East Secretariat in NEC in collaboration with IIM, Shillong**

- Sir, I would now like to highlight some of the major achievements of the NEC and also place before you some of the pressing issues faced by it.
- Sir, since the constitution of the North Eastern Council in the year 1971 by an Act of Parliament, **NEC has contributed to the construction of more than 10000 kms of inter and intra State roads in the region. NEC has assisted in the installation of 695 MW of power and construction of 2092 circuit kms of transmission and distribution lines.**
- To promote air connectivity in the region, **NEC has supported Airports Authority of India in upgrading 12 airports including construction of a new one at Tezu in Arunachal Pradesh.**
- For promoting livelihoods, **NEC in partnership with IFAD has promoted the very successful North Eastern Regional Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP)** being implemented in 11 difficult hill districts of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Meghalaya through participatory planning. Sir, **NERCORMP – I** implemented during 1998 – 2009, was jointly funded by NEC and IFAD with total allocation of Rs. 159.40 crore and covered 39161 households in 860 villages in 6 Districts. On successful completion, **NERCORMP – II** was approved in 2010 with an outlay of Rs. 200.00 crore to cover additional 20826 households in 466 villages in the same 6 Districts. This project is ongoing project and an amount of Rs. 184.35 crore has been utilized upto 2015-16. **NERCORMP – III (2013-2019)** has been extended to another 5 districts (**Tirap, Changlang and Longding in Arunachal Pradesh and Chandel and Churachandpur in Manipur**) to cover a total of 58,850 households in 1177 villages with project cost of Rs. 540 crore which is fully funded by Govt. of India.
- Sir, as you are aware tourism has immense potential in the North Eastern Region. NEC has engaged Tata Consultancy Services to prepare the **Integrated Tourism Master Plan for NER**, the recommendations of which

have been taken up for implementation by the Ministry of Tourism and NEC with the State Governments.

- North East is a power house in sports and has produced many icons like Mary Kom, Bhaichung Bhutia, Dipa Karmakar, Shiva Thapa to name a few who have made India proud. NEC has supported several projects to promote sports in the region and in Shillong itself NEC has assisted in the construction of Galleries in Ground No. 1, Flood Lights at J.N. Stadium and other sports facilities at Polo Ground where we will be proceeding after this programme.
- Besides, NEC has contributed immensely to the Agriculture Sector, Irrigation and Flood Control, Medical & health and in the field of Education, Science & Technology, Industries, promotion of Arts & Culture in the region.
- Despite the best efforts of the Govt. of India and the States of the North East, much more needs to be done. The NHDP program of East West corridor is yet to be completed. For district connectivity, only 1829 km length of roads has been completed out of the planned 10141km under SARDP-NE. For rail connectivity, there are at present 25 National Projects under implementation in the NER. Total requirement of funds to complete these projects is Rs. 34377.95 crore by 2020. Budget allocation for NF Railway for FY 2015-16 was Rs. 5000 crore and projected budget for 2016-17 is Rs. 7000 crore against the requirement of around Rs. 11000 crore.
- The approved outlay for NEC for the 12th Five Year Plan of Rs. 6108 crores was lower than the approved outlay of Rs. 7394 crores for the 11th Five Year Plan.
- Sir, during the 62nd Plenary held on 16th July, 2013, the Council had unanimously agreed to request the Government of India for enhancing the 12th Five Year Plan allocation to Rs. 21507.41 crore as the amount of Rs. 6108 crores allocated was found to be grossly inadequate.

- However, the actual allocation for the 12th Five Year Plan was only Rs. 3622 crores out of the approved outlay of Rs. 6108 crores.
- The concern is that even in nominal terms, the allocations have gone down whereas the demand of the constituent States of NEC is very large.
- During 2012-13, the 8 States of North East has submitted priority list for 593 projects with total project cost of Rs. 5852 crores, while during 2013-14 the requests were for supporting 516 projects with a total project cost of Rs. 6396 crores.
- During 2014-15, the priority list received by NEC was for 493 projects with project cost totaling Rs. 4257 crores
- The demand for enhancement of NEC's budgetary allocations which was reiterated in the 62nd & 64th NEC Plenary has been made mainly in consideration of the following grounds:
 - (i) The 1st **Executive Committee Meeting** held on 6th October, 2015 recommended that NEC should play a lead role in setting up of the following Regional Institutes in NER:
 - (a) **Regional Institute of Architecture and Planning;**
 - (b) **North East Institute of Skills Development;**
 - (c) **Regional Institute of Public Health;**
 - (d) **Medical, Nursing and Paramedical Colleges;**
 - (e) **Regional Institute of Civil Aviation Training & Development.**
 - (ii) NEC will also have to play important roles in the following recent announcements of the Government of India:
 - (a) In **pursuance** to your announcement **Hon'ble Prime Minister for skilling 500 million youths by 2022**, NEC will need to take up Skill Development Programmes on a war footing.
 - (b) As part of your **"Make in India Mission"** – setting up of food processing industries as significant percentage of agro-horticulture produce

in the region goes to wastes. Adequate number of Food Parks will have to be set up.

- NEC is best placed to make it possible and to take up implementation in partnership with the concerned States.
- Without a quantum jump in the NEC allocation, it will be difficult for NEC to provide fund for core areas – i.e. Inter-State/ regional character which in fact is the mandate of NEC.
- NEC as a regional planning body should be backed by adequate resources so that issues having inter-state/ regional ramifications could be addressed adequately.
- The **Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs** on the Demand for Grants (2015-16) has also noted with serious concern regarding declining trend in the Five Year Plan allocation to NEC which has limited NEC's capacity to take up new projects.
- The Committee feels that the Ministry of DoNER must frame guidelines for appropriate earmarking of a certain part of funds, atleast 40% every year for new projects.
- Hon'ble Prime Minister, I would like to request you to kindly consider favorably the request for adequate budgetary support to NEC.
- Having briefly narrated the achievements of the NEC, this August Body looks forward to you Hon'ble Prime Minister for your advice and guidance.
- Hon'ble Prime Minister, we also seek your support in strengthening the NEC as an organization as well as providing it with adequate budgetary support to enable it to effectively function as a Regional Planning Body.
- We hope to have a fruitful and meaningful discussion on the agendas of the 65th Plenary Session of the NEC and I hope important issues will be deliberated upon the decisions taken based on the learned inputs and suggestions of the Members of the Council.

THANK YOU AND JAI HIND



**REPORT OF
SECRETARY, NEC**

FOR THE

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REPORT OF SECRETARY, NEC TO THE 65th COUNCIL
SECTION – I
General Issues

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Chairman, Hon'ble Governors, Hon'ble Chief Ministers, Ministers and other Members of the Council, senior officials of the Union Ministries and Member States of NEC, I welcome all of you to the 65th Meeting of the North Eastern Council.

I am privileged to be a part of this august gathering for the first time and I convey my sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Chairman and all the Hon'ble Members of the Council for the guidance and support that have been extended to the NEC Secretariat.

2. Structure of the Report:

The report of Secretary includes important events and initiatives, major projects and schemes that have taken place during 2015-16, some concerns for the attention of the Members of the Council, review of the annual plan 2015-16, major challenges faced by NEC and sectoral allocation for annual plan 2016-17. Section – II of the report deals with the details of some sectoral activities.

(I) Important event and initiatives

a. Review meetings

Review meetings were held during 3rd May, 2016 with the Chief Secretary of Assam, 9th to 11th May, 2016 with the Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh, 17th & 18th February, 2016 with the Chief Secretary of Mizoram, 31st Jan to 2nd February, 2016 with the Chief Secretary of Tripura and from 30th November to 4th December, 2015 with the Chief Secretary, Nagaland. The review meeting with these States centered around ongoing projects and sector-wise utilization of funds, the outstanding utilization certificate, the delayed projects and retained projects and status thereof in respect of these States. The Secretary, NEC in these review meetings pointed out the importance of completing all the delayed projects and submit the outstanding utilization certificate as well as improved the sectoral utilization of funds, so that the NEC could release more funds to the States.

b. Meeting for short listing of projects from Priority list 2015-16

During August, November and December, 2015, the Priority List 2015-16 of North Eastern States were shortlisted for retention and sanction of the projects. A total of 123 projects were retained at a total cost of Rs. 902.09 crores and 56 projects were sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 334.54 crores.

c. Amendment of the NEC General Guidelines

The NEC General Guidelines was prepared and placed in the 58th Plenary of the NEC held in 2010 which was approved by the Council and the revised NEC General Guidelines was approved by the Council in the 64th NEC Plenary held in April, 2015. The Revised NEC General Guidelines needs some further improvement so as to bring it in sync with the present disposition for bringing transparency and simplification of procedure etc. The amendment to the Revised NEC General Guidelines has been placed as an agenda for consideration and approval of the Council. These amendments were undertaken because of the abolition of the erstwhile Planning Commission, the likely discontinuation of five year plans, incorporation of member's suggestion etc.

d. Preparation of Regional Plans

The NEC has identified Regional Plan Strategy with specific targets for preparation of the following Regional Plans:

1. Regional Master Plan and strategy for development of Horticulture in increasing the production of fruits, high value/exotic vegetables, commercial floriculture and plantation crops in the NER
2. Regional Master Plan and strategy for development of piggery, poultry, cattle and dairying in increasing meat, milk and eggs production in NER.
3. Regional Master Plan and strategy for development of pisciculture in increasing the fish production in the NER.
4. Regional Master Plan and strategy for development of sericulture in increasing the Eri, Muga and Tsar silk production in NER.
5. Regional Plan and strategy for upgradation of Secondary and Tertiary Health Care Facilities in North Eastern Region by 2030.
6. Regional Plan and strategy for increasing the student intake capacities for medical and para-medical courses in NER.
7. Regional Plan and status of Science Education in schools in NER.
8. Regional Plan and strategy for Promotion of Sports to enhance career/ livelihood in North Eastern Region.

Regional Plan meetings were held on 29th January and 25th February, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Member, NEC regarding Human Resource Development in respect of sports and Education & Skill development respectively. Out of these eight identified regional plan strategy the following topics were entrusted during the year to NEDFi for preparation of Regional Master Plan.

- 1) Regional Master Plan and strategy for development of sericulture in increasing the Eri, Muga and Tsar silk production in NER.
- 2) Regional Plan and strategy for upgradation of Secondary and Tertiary Health Care Facilities in North Eastern Region by 2030.
- 3) Regional Plan and strategy for increasing the student intake capacities for medical and para-medical courses in NER.
- 4) Regional Plan and strategy for Promotion of Sports to enhance career/ livelihood in North Eastern Region and.
- 5) Regional Plan and status of Science Education in schools in NER.

(e) Executive Committee

The first Executive Committee (constituted during the 64th Plenary from 9-10 of April, 2015) Meeting of the NEC was chaired by Hon'ble Minister DONER and Chairman, NEC on 6th October, 2015 at New Delhi. Major decisions were taken regarding skill development programme and setting up of the following regional institutes in NER.

- a. North East Regional Institute for Multi-Hazard Disaster Research & Development
- b. North East Institute for Computer & Electronics Skill Development
- c. Regional Institute of Excellence in Global Warming, Climate Change and Environment Research
- d. Development and establishment of PARAM Super Computers facilities in NEC, Shillong and 8 NE States including Sikkim.
- e. Regional Institute of Mass Communication
- f. Regional Institute of Architecture and Planning
- g. North East Institute of Skill Development
- h. Regional Institute of Public Health
- i. Nursing & Paramedical Colleges in all District HQs of NE States
- j. Institute of Music, Art and Culture
- k. Regional Institute of Civil Aviation Training & Development
- l. Medical Colleges in Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland
- m. Establishment of Polytechnics in all District Hqs of NE States
- n. Establishment of more ITIs in NE Region.

It was also decided that a mid-term assessment be undertaken on the NER Vision 2020. Regarding Act East Policy, it was emphasized that each state should try to have its own identity such as origin of products that can be insisted upon for exports through the Act East Policy (AEP) so that local produced can be traded. It was also decided that suspension of North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP-2007) which was to run for 10 years should be re-visited in

order to restore investors' confidence as many investors who have invested their money are in great hardship due to the suspension of the NEIIPP-2007.

(II) Major achievements of NEC during 2015-16

The major achievement of NEC during 2015-16 is summarized and placed as **Annexure – I**.

(III) Some concern for attention of the Members of the Council

(a) Decline in FYP outlays of NEC

The approved outlay for NEC during the 12th Five Year Plan is Rs.6108 crore which is lower than the approved outlay of Rs.7394 crore for the preceding plan i.e. 11th FYP. Again, it has been observed that the funds allocated during the Five Year Plan period falls short of the approved outlays. The table below shows that there have been consistent shortfalls in release of allocations to NEC against the approved outlays for each of the FYPs since the 4th FYP.

(Rs. in crore)			
Five Year Plan	Approved Outlay (GBS)	Actual Allocation	Shortfall (%)
i	ii	iii	iv
4 TO 9 FYP	2450.00	2114.00	13.71%
10 th FYP	3500.00	2511.50	28.24%
11 th FYP	7394.00	3248.00	56.07%
12th FYP	6108.00	3621.20 (difference of approved outlay and actual allocation is Rs. 2486.80 crore)	40.71%

(b) Static annual allocations for NEC during the 12th Five Year Plan

Against an outlay of Rs.6108 crore approved for NEC for the 12th Five Year Plan, the total allocation for five financial years is Rs. 3621.20 crore leaving a balance of Rs.2486.80 crore for the final year of the 12FYP. It may be observed that the shortfall against pro-rata annual allocation has been very high as a result the balance amount left for the final year of the 12 FYP is as high as Rs. 2486.80 crore i.e. 40.71 % of the 12 FYP outlay. The table below shows the position:-

(Rs. in Crore)				
Years	Allocation	Expenditure	Percentage of annual plan released	Shortfall against pro-rata yearly allocation of Rs.1221.60 cr.
2012-13 (RE)	770	732.76	95.16 %	451.60
2013-14 (RE)	700	698.05	99.72 %	521.60
2014-15 (RE)	579	578.98	99.99%	642.60
2015-16 (RE)	772.20	764.82	99.04%	449.40
2016-17 (BE)	800.00			
Total	3621.20			

(c) Decreasing fund availability for new projects during the 12th FYP:

Due to the low annual allocation of plan funds during the 12 FYP periods, emphasis has been given for completion of on-going projects and their share has been steadily rising. The table below gives the position:-

Year	Budget Allocation (Rs. in crore)	Amount Release (Rs. in Crore)			Percentage (%) of Released	
		New	Ongoing	Total	New	Ongoing
2012-13	770.00	280.54	452.22	732.76	38.29	61.71
2013-14	700.00	136.78	561.27	698.05	19.59	80.41
2014-15	579.00	67.98	511.00	578.98	11.74	88.26
2015-16	772.20	185.13	579.69	764.82	24.20	75.79
2016-17	800.00					

It may be observed from the above table that (i) the Annual Plan allocation has been decreasing till 2014-15 and (ii) the availability of funds for new projects is dwindling as the demands for releases for ongoing projects have to be given priority leaving a small balance for taking up new projects as there has been no substantial increase in the annual allocations.

(v) Sectoral allocation under Annual Plan of NEC for 2016-17

(a) Sector-wise distribution of resources for 2016-17

A separate agenda for approval of the Annual Plan of NEC for 2016-17 is placed before the 65th Plenary. The Annual Plan (2016-17) of NEC for Rs. 800.00 crore is proposed to be allocated as follows:-

Sl. No	Sectors	Budget 2016-17 (Rs. in crore)	Percentage
1	AGRICULTURE & ALLIED	224.60	28.08
2	POWER & RRE	35.00	4.38
3	WATER DEVELOPMENT	16.00	2.00
4	INDUSTRIES	17.75	2.22
5	TOURISM	17.10	2.14
6	TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION	290.17	36.27
7	MEDICAL & HEALTH	28.42	3.55
8	HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT & EMPLOYMENT	127.75	15.97
9	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	20.80	2.60
10	INFORMATION, PUBLICITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS	14.60	1.83
11	EVALUATION & MONITORING	7.81	0.98
	Total	800.00	100.00

(b) Special package for financial year 2016-17

In view of the decreasing fund availability for taking up new projects, the NEC in the month of March, 2016 submitted a proposal for a special package amounting to Rs. 3402.41 crore to the

Ministry with a request to take up the same with the Ministry of Finance. Similarly, the Hon'ble Chairman, NEC had also written to the Hon'ble Finance Minister for increasing the annual budget of NEC to at least 2000.00 crore annually from 2016-17 onwards as decided in the 62nd and 64th Plenary meeting held on 16th July, 2013 and 9th & 10 April, 2015 respectively in New Delhi.

Summary of major achievements of NEC during 2015-16

1. TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION SECTOR

- During 2015-16, 201.00 Kms formation and pavement of 165.00 Kms were completed.
- 1 road project from the XIth Five Year Plan and 2 Airport infrastructure development projects from the XIIth Five Year Plan were approved.
- Conversion of 6 timber bridges to RCC, 7 road projects, 1 ISBT and 1 Airport infrastructure projects were completed.
- Alliance Air resumed the flights from August, 2014 and has successfully operated in the Airports at Lilabari, Tezpur, Dimapur and Guwahati
- Works at Jorhat Airport was completed during 2015-16.
- During 2015-16 the works for Construction of hangar, associated apron and link taxiway at Imphal and Dibrugarh Airport at an estimated cost of Rs 56.75 crores have been sanctioned. A sum of Rs. 8.00 crore has already been released against these works.
- NEC has signed an MoU with Alliance Air in September, 2014 to support the airline in the form of VGF for the airports of the Region which are not connected by any other airlines. The project cost is Rs.124.12 crores. During 2015-16 Rs. 27.73 crores has been released, leaving a committed liability of Rs.39.00 Crores (approx). The continuation of the programme shall be subject to satisfactory services by Alliance Air. As a result of this scheme initiated by NEC, the airports at Umroi, Lilabari, Tezpur and Silchar are now connected.

2. HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

- Hostels for North East Students at JNU Delhi sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 27.13 crore and an amount of Rs. 54.62 lakhs has been released in April, 2016 as first installment.
- 80 unemployed youths from the North East has been sponsored for 1 year training programme on Hospitality and retail services at the world class skill centre, Govt. of NCR of Delhi, Vivek Vihar, New Delhi.
- EOI floated for empanelment of Skill development Institutes.
- “NEC Dr. T. Ao Memorial Football Tournament” introduced during 2009-10 was held in Assam 2015. The 7th edition is going to be held in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Under “NEC Chairman’s Sports Award for excellence in International & National Sports Meets by Sportsmen/Sportswomen of NE”, a total of 174 sportspersons of NER who won 220 medals (Gold - 97, Silver – 50 and Bronze – 73) in the 35th National Games in Kerala were

felicitated and given cash award by the Union Sports Minister in a function held at Guwahati on 8th February, 2016.

3. POWER & RRE SECTOR

- There are 52 power projects (SIS-45 and RRE-7) in various stages of implementation by the NE State Governments.
- An amount of Rs. 6759.56 lakhs has been made available to the North Eastern States for completing the ongoing projects and for taking-up new projects out of the allotted budget BE 2015-16 of Rs. 7000.00 lakhs.
- A total of 14 projects (Arunachal Pradesh-2, Manipur-3, Meghalaya-5, Mizoram-2, Tripura-2) has been completed and commissioned.
- 10 new power projects have been taken up in the NE States (Arunachal Pradesh-1, Manipur-2, Mizoram-2, Nagaland-2, Sikkim-2 & Tripura-1).
- The Sectoral Review meeting with the NE State Governments was held during July 2015 to review the progress of the on-going projects.

4. MEDICAL & HEALTH SECTOR

- Two new projects were sanctioned:
 - i) Construction of Hiya Primary Health Centre under ADC Hq Nyapin, Arunachal Pradesh.
 - ii) Infrastructure Development of Sagalee CHC, Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh
- Organized a Regional Meeting at Shillong for H1N1 and other Emerging Diseases on 24th & 25th April 2015. A meeting was also held in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 20th November, 2015, with all the State Governments of the NE Region, Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India to discuss issues related to the high prevalence of cancer in the North East India.

5. IRRIGATION & FLOOD CONTROL & WATERSHED MANAGEMENT SECTOR

- NEC focused on the completion of 84 nos. of ongoing projects under this sector. These ongoing projects are under different existing schemes of the NEC of which 33 nos. are Anti-Erosion-Flood Control Projects; 25 nos are Water Supply, 12 nos Minor Irrigation, 10 nos. Survey & Investigation and 4 nos. under Water Shed Management. Out of these ongoing projects, 8 projects have been physically completed and 33 nos. have achieved 75% to 90% physical progress. The sector has set a target to complete all these projects by March 2017 and as such during the FY2015-16 the sector laid considerable emphasis on systematic and sustained monitoring for the speedy implementation of these on-going projects. Only 5 new projects which were retained during FY 2015-16 were sanctioned.
- The main activities taken up by the IFC Sector, NEC during FY 2015-16 are briefly described below:

Monitoring of Projects: During the FY 2015-16 twenty five (25) ongoing projects have been inspected and also pre-investment visit for fourteen (14) retained projects of FY 2015-16 were made.

Review Meetings: Review meeting was held in NEC secretariat with all the States Planning Officers including representative from different Implementing Agencies.

Releases: Maximum releases were made towards ongoing projects during the FY-2015-16 which has resulted in achieving improved physical progress of the projects. Of the total releases 22 releases have been for on-going projects, and 5 releases for new projects.

6. AGRICULTURE & ALLIED SECTOR

- Supported a project “Beekeeping and Honey Development in Nagaland Phase-I” promoted by Nagaland Bee and Honey Mission (NBHM), Govt. of Nagaland. The first phase of this project was completed successfully during 2014-15. In acknowledging the success of Phase-I of this project, NEC has approved and sanctioned the Phase-II project of ‘Beekeeping and Honey Development’.
- Under the marketing support, in 2015-16 NEC has released the 1st installment and 2nd installment of the following projects 1. Re-Establishment of Magfruit factory, Manipur. 2. Setting up of 1000 MT Capacity Multipurpose Cold Storage at Khowai. 3. Construction of Cold Storage at Satchand, Tripura
- **Integrated Development of Animal Husbandry Projects and Fisheries in the NER:**
 - i. During 2015-16, NEC has supported the following projects:
 - ii. Establishment of poultry breeding farm-cum-hatchery with 3000 layers parent stock and 2000 broilers parent stock at Phulbari, West Garo Hills, District, Meghalaya.
 - iii. Establishment of trout breeding farm at yathang ,jyajuk under Lachen block , North Sikkim
 - iv. Ideal Fish and Fish Seed Production, Nagaland
 - v. Construction of Community based Fishery Project at Beiswapmpui, Peren district, Nagaland
 - vi. Development of Chabou Fishery Project at Rio Colony, Dimapur

All Forestry and Sericulture related schemes:

A project proposal for Establishment of State of the Art of Sericulture in the State of Tripura was sanctioned.

▪ **North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP):**

NEC has been supporting Community Based Sustainable Livelihood Projects i.e. North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP), which was launched in

May, 1999, covered 860 villages and out-reached to 39161 households living in some of the most inaccessible remote hill districts of North East.

After the impact and acceptability of the livelihood project North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project Phase - I & Phase - II, the North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project Phase - III was launched in January 2014 covering five backward districts, three in Arunachal Pradesh and two in Manipur. North Eastern Regional Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP) – III (2013-2019) is being taken up in 5 districts (Tirap, Changlang and Longding in Arunachal Pradesh and Chandel and Churachandpur in Manipur) to cover a total of 58,850 households in 1177 villages with project cost of Rs. 540 crore. NEC has released Rs 26.00 crore during 2014-15 and Rs 28.19 crore during 2015-16 towards this Phase - III project.

Additional funds were also provided from Agricultural and Allied Sector for taking up the following projects in the North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project areas:

1. Procurement and supply of pickup van, NERCORMP
2. Establishment of Elite Nursery, NERCORMP.
3. Livelihood project on Agriculture, Horticulture & Allied Activities in both Project and Non-project Villages, NERCORMP.
4. Establishment of Resource Centre, Ukhrul, NERCORMP
5. Establishment of Multi-Utility cum CFC building with Diesel Operated Spices & Cereal Grinding Machine, NERCORMP

7. INDUSTRIES AND TOURISM SECTOR

- The new projects sanctioned during FY 2015-16 are:
 - i. Construction of Multipurpose Shopping Complex at Hapoli, Lower Subansiri District of Arunachal Pradesh.
 - ii. Development of Work Sheds/Factory Sheds at Industrial Estate, Bishnupur, Manipur.
 - iii. Development of Work Sheds/Factory Sheds at Industrial Estate, Thoubal, Manipur.
 - iv. Construction of Common Facility Centres in Hill Districts of Manipur for Processing of Agriculture and Horticulture Products.
 - v. Construction of New market Building at Dawrpui Veng, Aizawl
 - vi. Modernization and Expansion of Temi Tea Estate, South Sikkim.
- Moreover, the NEC has also taken up advocacy and promotional activities to promote industries, trade and commerce in the region by providing support for the following events:

- a. Assisted the OKD Institute of Social Change and Development in organizing International Conference on Look (Act) East Policy and North East India at Guwahati on 25th and 26th September, 2015.
- b. Assisted the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) in organizing the 2nd North East Connectivity Summit – 2015 at Shillong on 16th & 17th November, 2015.
- c. Assisted Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in organizing the 3rd Act East Business Show at Shillong during 26th to 28th February 2016.

TOURISM SECTOR

The important tourism projects taken up during the FY 2015-16 are:-

- i. Construction of Tourism Amusement Park (Including Picnic Spot and Cottages) at Dollungmukh, Lower Subansiri District of Arunachal Pradesh
- ii. Development of Adventure Tourism Centre and Camping Site at Baririjo, Upper Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh.
- iii. Construction of Adventure Tourism Camping cum Recreation Site at Huto Village in Doimukh, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh.
- iv. Construction of Eco-Tourism Park at Langkawet, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya.
- v. Participation of North Eastern Community Resource Management Project for Upland Areas (NERCORMP) in the second edition of Indigenous Terra Madre (Mother Earth) for Promotion of Eco-Tourism, Culture and Traditional Food in North East India held during 3rd to 7th November, 2015
 - Also extended financial support to all the States of NER and CBTC for their participation in the mega event titled “Destination North East – 2016 organised by the Ministry of DoNER at New Delhi from 12th to 14th February, 2016.

8. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

- Following important projects taken up for support during financial year 2015-16
 - i. IT infrastructure development in schools of Arunachal Pradesh at a total cost of Rs. 860.59 lakh.
 - ii. Decision Support System (DSS) for sustainable urban development of five selected towns of Arunachal Pradesh using Remote Sensing and GIS” Arunachal Pradesh at a total cost of Rs. 319.284 lakh.
 - iii. Remote Sensing and GIS based identification of Hazardous industries and development of emergency at a total cost of Rs. 250.15 lakh.

9. INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTOR

- Promotional activities were taken up by participating in the “Highlighting Achievements & Activities of the Ministry of DoNER in the 2nd Vibrant India, 2015 and Meri Delhi Ustav” held

at Pitampura Delhi Haat from 31st October to 2nd November, 2015 and the “Destination North East – 2016” event held during 12 – 14, February, 2016 at Pragati Maidan.

- The 1st edition of “Songs & Dances of the North East” was held in New Delhi on 11th April 2015 and events will be held in other metro cities of the country. This programme is being organised mainly with a view to create more awareness about the region and bridging any cultural divide that exists between people of the NER and those of other parts of the country.
- NEC had set up a Centre for North East Culture (CNEC) in September 2014 in the Centre for Cultural Resource and Training (CCRT), Dwarka, New Delhi. Since inception, the CNEC has trained over 1225 teachers, 46 librarians and 114 students.
- New project titled “Providing Show Case/ Galleries, Lighting, etc in the new building of Williamson Sangma State Museum, Shillong, Meghalaya”, was sanctioned during FY 2015-16.

10. EVALUATION AND MONITORING SECTOR

- A total number of 38 ongoing projects were physically inspected.
- The Sector has compiled the inspection reports of various projects whose inspections were carried out during 2013-14 (77 projects), 2014-15 (68 projects) and 2015-16 (81 projects).
- Three seminars where the themes/topics related to issues of socio-economic development of the North Eastern Region were extended financial assistance.

As on 31.03.2016, a total of eleven RLMs in the field of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, transport and communication, industries, irrigation & flood control and power are already in place at the moment but more are expected to respond to the open-ended empanelment notice being put in the NEC website.

SECTION – II

Details of some Sectoral Activities

A. POWER SECTOR

- NEC has so far contributed about **2091.86 circuit** km line lengths with **1183.60 MVA** transformation addition capacity in the NE Region since inception, out of which **103 Ckt** and **104 MVA has been completed after the 64th Council Meeting.**
- There are **55 (fifty five)** power projects (SIS-45 and RRE-7) in various stages of implementation by the NE State Governments.
- An amount of **Rs.7000.00 lakhs** has been made available to the North Eastern States for completing the ongoing projects and for taking-up new projects out of the allotted budget **BERs.7000.00 lakhs.**
- A total of **15 projects** were inspected during 2015-16. Details enclosed as **Annexure – A.**
- A total of **14 (fourteen)** projects (Arunachal Pradesh-2, Manipur-3, Meghalaya-5, Mizoram-2, Tripura-2) have been completed and commissioned leaving no liabilities from NEC. The projects are functioning and the objectives of the projects are fulfilled as per requirement. The details are enclosed as **Annexure – B.**
- **13 (thirteen)** new power projects has been taken up in the NE States (Arunachal Pradesh-2, Manipur-2, Meghalaya-1, Mizoram-2, Nagaland-3, Sikkim-2 & Tripura-1). The details are enclosed as **Annexure – C.**
- **3 (three)** new projects in Assam have been appraised by the NEC-PAC held on 09.03.2016 under the chairmanship of Secretary, NEC and recommended for approval.
- The Sectoral Review meeting with the NE State Governments has been carried out during July 2015 to review the progress of the on-going projects and other related issues like UC of both NEC's share as well as State share, etc to have a better understanding regarding the status of the projects and the requirement of funds.

LIST OF PROJECTS INSPECTED DURING 2015-16

SI No.	List of NEC funded projects inspected	State	Sector	Inspection Date	Inspection done by
1	Renovation & modernization of 132KV S/s at Bukpuii, Serchhip.	Mizoram	Power	21-24 July, 2015	EE (Power)
2	Construction of new 132kV Substation for shifting 132kV Zuangtui sub-station with associated interlinking 132kV Lines Aizawl, Mizoram.	Mizoram	Power	21-24 July, 2015	EE (Power)
3	Construction of 1X2.5 MVA, 33/11KV S/s at Buarpui & Saiphai with associated lines, Mizoram	Mizoram	Power	21-24 July, 2015	EE (Power)
4	Augmentation of Sub Station Capacity by addition of 1x20/25 MV,132/33kV Transformer along with associated Civil work at Ambassa, Dhalai District. Tripura.	Tripura	Power	8-11 September, 2015	RLM (Power)
5	Augmentation of S/s capacity by addition of 1x20/25 MVA, 132/33 KV Transformer along with associated equipments and civil works at Dharmanagar, North Tripura.	Tripura	Power	8-11 September, 2015	RLM (Power)
6	Augmentation by addition of 132/11kV, 1x12.5 MVA, Transformer along with associated equipments at 132kV Udaipur Substation, South Tripura	Tripura	Power	8-11 September, 2015	RLM (Power)
7	Construction of 33/11KV, 2X1 MVA, sub-station at Pistana, Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh	Power	2-6 November, 2015	RLM (Power)
8	Augmentation & Improvement of existing T&D system in & around Sangram Admn Head quarter in Kurung Kumey Dist.	Arunachal Pradesh	Power	2-6 November, 2015	RLM (Power)
9	Augmentation & Improvement of Power Distribution System in and around Yangte Administrative Hq, Kurung Kumey District, A. Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh	Power	2-6 November, 2015	RLM (Power)
10	Installation of 2x5 MVA, 33kV substation associated with 132kV	Manipur	Power	4-7 November, 2015	EE (Power)

Sl No.	List of NEC funded projects inspected	State	Sector	Inspection Date	Inspection done by
	substation at Chandel, Manipur				
11	Installation of 2X 20 MVA, 132 kV Sub-Station along with associated 132kV LILLO lines & related works at Thoubal, Manipur	Manipur	Power	4-7 November, 2015	EE (Power)
12	Installation & Commissioning of Communication Network & remote terminal unit at 132KV Sub-Station for supervisory control and data acquisition of MeECL.	Meghalaya	Power	9 December, 2015	EE (Power) & JE (Power)
13	Upgradation of 66KV to 132KV S/C Kiphire-Tuensang-Mokokchung transmission line, Nagaland.	Nagaland	Power	27-31 January, 2016	RLM (Power) & JE (Power)
14	Upgradation of 66/33/11KV Chumukedima Sub-Station from 10KWA to 30MVA, Nagaland.	Nagaland	Power	27-31 January, 2016	RLM (Power) & JE (Power)
15	Tsutsung HEP (1000KW) Mokokchung, Nagaland	Nagaland	Power	27-31 January, 2016	RLM (Power) & JE (Power)

STATE-WISE CLOSED NEC PROJECTS IN NORTH EASTERN STATES UNDER NEC PLAN DURING 2015-16:

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI No.	Name of the project	Approved Cost	Sanction date	Target date of completion	Date of completion	Remarks, if any
ARUNACHAL PRADESH						
1	Augmentation & Improvement of Power Distribution System in and around Yangte Administrative Hq, Kurung Kumey District, A. Pradesh.	213.31	21.12.2011	Mar-13	Feb-14	Completed & A/c settled
2	Augmentation & Improvement of existing T&D system in & around Sangram Admn Head quarter in Kurung Kumey Dist.	467.69	25.03.2011	Dec-13	Feb-14	Completed & A/c settled
MANIPUR						
RRE						
3	25kWp (each) Standalone SPV Power Plant(s) at the office (s) of Deputy Commissioners of Manipur.	241.38	13.03.12	Mar-14	Sep-12	Completed & A/c settled
4	25kWp SPV Power Plant at tribal Market Complex, New Lambulance, Imphal, Manipur.	26.75	13.3.2012	Mar-13	Jul-12	Completed & A/c settled
5	6680 Sq M of solar thermal (Solar Water Heaters) collector area at various institutions, hospitals and individual households, Manipur.	235.47	13.3.2012	Mar-14	Jun-13	Completed & A/c settled
MEGHALAYA						
SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT SCHEME						
6	Construction of LILO on 132 KV Agia-Nangalbibra Line at Mendipathar.	499.65	09.12.2009	Mar-13.	Dec-12	Completed & A/c settled
7	Construction of 132 KV on LILO on Mawlai-Cherra S/c Line at Mawngap.	496.74	19.1.2010	Dec-13	Dec-14	Completed & A/c settled
8	Augmentation of 132/33KV S/s from	469.00	8.09.2010	Mar-13.	Oct-12	Completed & A/c settled

SI No.	Name of the project	Approved Cost	Sanction date	Target date of completion	Date of completion	Remarks, if any
	1X20.0 MVA + 3X3.50 MVA (35 MVA) to 2X20 MVA + 2X5.0 MVA (50 MVA) at Rongkhon, West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya.					
9	Construction of LILO on 132KV S/C Mawlai-Nangalbibra S/C line at Mawngap Sub-Station, Meghalaya.	494.00	22.03.2011	Mar-13.	Dec-12	Completed & A/c settled
10	Installation & Commissioning of Communication Network & remote terminal unit at 132KV Sub-Station for supervisory control and data acquisition of MeECL.	395.43	23.12.2010	Dec-13	Jun-15	Completed & A/c settled
	MIZORAM					
11	Improvement of 33kV Sub-Station at Ngopa with associated lines, Mizoram	402.00	26.12.2011	Dec-14	Dec-14	Completed & A/c settled
12	Renovation & modernization of 132KV S/s at Bukpui, Serchhip.	457.00	22.03.2011	Apr-13	Jun-13	Completed & A/c settled
	TRIPURA					
13	Augmentation of Sub Station Capacity by addition of 1x20/25 MV, 132/33kV Transformer along with associated Civil work at Ambassa, Dhalai District. Tripura.	442.00	26.12.2011	Dec-13	Sep-14	Completed & A/c settled
14	Augmentation of S/s capacity by addition of 1x20/25 MVA, 132/33 KV Transformer along with associated equipments and civil works at Dharmanagar, North Tripura.	382.42	28.02.2012	Feb-13	Aug-14	Completed & A/c settled
	Total (2015-16)	5222.84				

LIST OF NEW PROJECTS TAKEN UP DURING THE YEAR BOTH FOR FY 2014-15 & 2015-16:

(Rs. in lakhs)

SI No	Name of the project	Date of sanction	Cost of the Project	NEC's Share	State's share	Release break-up	
						Date	Amount
	MH-3601						
	ARUNACHAL PRADESH						
1	Upgradation, Improvement and Renovation of Electrical installation in and around Kalaktang Township, Arunachal Pradesh	06-09-2015	1374.00	1236.60	137.40	06-09-2015	500.00
2	System improvement of power distribution network in Dambuk under Lower Dibang Valley District, Arunachal Pradesh	03-10-2016	1252.00	1126.80	125.20	03-10-2016	90.00
	MANIPUR						
3	Installation of 2X5 MVA, 33 KV Sub-Station along with the associated 33kV line & related works at Mao, Senapati District, Manipur	21/12/2015	782.20	703.98	78.22	21/12/2015	140.00
4	Installation of 2X5 MVA, 33 KV Sub-Station along with the associated 33kV LILLO line & related works at Mayangkhang, Senapati District, Manipur	21/12/2015	768.68	691.81	76.87	21/12/2015	140.00
	MEGHALAYA						
5	Improvement of Power supply in Dadenggre area by construction of new 33kV S/C line from Rongkhon to Dadenggre and strengthening of the 11kV and LT network under West Garo Hills (D) Division.	18/03/2016	570.00	513.00	57.00	18/03/2016	75.44
	MIZORAM						
6	Strengthening of 33/11kV substation at Vairengte and Thingsulthiah, Mizoram	06-09-2015	572.00	514.80	57.20	06-09-2015	200.00
7	Construction of 33kV line on tower from Aibawk to	26/02/2016	1478.00	1330.20	147.80	26/02/2016	90.00

SI No	Name of the project	Date of sanction	Cost of the	NEC's Share	State's share	Release break-up	
	Sialsuk with associated bays and 11kV line, Aizawl, Mizoram						
	NAGALAND						
8	Conversion of 33kV pole structure to Lattice tower of the Ringmain Feeder at Kohima, Nagaland	06-09-2015	1431.00	1287.90	143.10	06-09-2015	520.00
9	Construction of 2X500kW Ponglefo SHEP, Nagaland	26/02/2016	1332.51	1199.26	133.25	26/02/2016	90.00
10	Construction of SLDC Building at Nagarjan, Dimapur, Nagaland	17/03/2016	230.00	207.00	23.00	17/03/2016	75.00
	SIKKIM						
11	Construction of 11/11 KV switching sub-station including re-arrangement and drawing of 11 KV transmission line at Kongrialong with modernization of Tashiding Bazar in West Sikkim, Sikkim	06-09-2015	1048.00	943.20	104.80	06-09-2015	380.00
12	System Improvement & modernization i/c Augmentation of Distribution system of Uttarey Bazaar, Dentam Bazaar in West Sikkim	29/02/2016	1405.00	1264.50	140.50	29/02/2016	90.00
	TRIPURA						
13	Augmentation by capacity addition of 1X20/25 MVA, 132/33kV transformer and 2X12.5MVA, 132/11kV transformer with associated equipments at Mission Tilla 132kV Sub-Station, Dharmanagar, North Tripura	29/02/2016	950.50	855.45	95.05	29/02/2016	90.00
	TOTAL-POWER		13193.89	11874.50	1319.39		2480.44

B. IRRIGATION, FLOOD CONTROL & WSM SECTOR

1. List of Projects Inspected During The FY-2015-16 by the Sector

Sl. No	List of NEC funded projects inspected	State	Inspection Date	Inspection done by
1	Flood Control Works at Namsai	Arunachal Pradesh	27 th May, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
2	Anti-Erosion Works at Mahadevpur Circle		27 th May, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
3	Flood protection work at Dirang township, West Kameng District		04 th Nov, 2015	E& M Sector
4	Anti-Erosion work on Tara Tamak river to protect Gadum and its adjoining villages of Arunachal Pradesh & Assam & Agricultural land areas.		09 th Feb, 2016	RLM
5	Anti-Erosion work at Right Bank of Sissiri river Silluck area to protect Ngopok and its adjoining village areas, Agricultural land areas and Mebo-Dola road		09 th Feb, 2016	RLM
6	Lengpui Town and Lengpui Airport Water Supply Scheme (Pumping) in Mizoram.	Mizoram.	16 th Nov, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
7	Darlawn Water Supply Scheme (Augmentation) in Mizoram.		18 th Nov, 2015	Adviser(IFC & WSM)
8	FC & Irrigation Potential of Agricultural areas of Ngopa RD Block.		17 th Nov, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
9	C/o Themeze MI project at Cheichama village, Kohima	Nagaland	06 th May, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
10	Anti-Erosion Works on Chathe river for protection of Christian Institute of Health Science and Research (CIHSR) Complex in 4 th mile, Dimapur.		05 th May, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
11	Water Harvesting project at Riphyim village, Wokha District.		06 th May, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
12	Development of water harvesting pond for Augmentation of irrigation in Nagaland		1 st & 2 nd Mar, 2016	E& M Sector
13	Construction of Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at Pfutsero, Phek		2 nd Mar, 2016	E& M Sector
14	Water Shed Treatment for flood mitigation and livelihood in Phek.		2 nd & 04 th Mar, 2016	E& M Sector
15	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme through stream water sources in Japukong Range		03 rd Mar, 2016	E& M Sector
16	Providing water supply to Akuk old village by pumping in Wokha District, Nagaland		03 rd Mar, 2016	E& M Sector

2. List of Project where Pre-Investment visit was conducted:

Sl. No	List of NEC funded projects inspected	State	Inspection Date	Inspection done by
1	Khaurang Bund Flow Irrigation Scheme in Khaurang Village, Udalguri District	Assam	10 th Oct, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
2	Mahajanpara Borigaon Flow Irrigation Scheme.		10 th Oct, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
3	Construction of gated weir across Yaralkhong at Gurupat, Imphal District.	Manipur	04 th Dec, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
4	Construction of Anti-Erosion & Flood Control scheme on Imphal River on 9.60km U/S of Koirengai Bridge at Awang Sekmai.		04 th Dec, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
5	Composite Water Supply Scheme at Top Dusara Mayai Lekai, Imphal East, Manipur		04 th Dec, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
6	Construction of Mini Barrage across Chakpi River at Serou-Thingangphai in Thoubal & Chandel District		05 th Dec, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
7	Composite Water Supply Scheme for Tumukhong Moirangpurel (Thoubal Multipurpose project downstream) and its surrounding areas, Imphal East.		05 th Dec, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
8	Construction of Pick up weir for Pucca canal across Thoubal river at Hungpung Chihui, Kaziphung, Ukhrul District.		07 th Dec, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
9	Construction of Anti-Erosion scheme on Khuga river at Zoumunnuam, Churachandpur District		09 th Dec, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
10	Construction of Pick up weir across Loklai River at Pangjang Churachandpur District.		09 th Dec, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
11	Construction of Mini-Barrage on Langathel River nearby the Lamlong Khunou, Thoubal District.		05 th Dec, 2015	Adviser (IFC & WSM)
12	Jhora Training Work/Anti-Erosion Work along Kokaley Rangchang Khola etc.		Sikkim	17 th Sept, 2015

3. DETAILS OF CLOSED PROJECTS:

Sl. No	Name of Project	Approved Cost	Sanction Date	Target date of Completion	Date of Completion	Remarks, if any
1	Strengthening of Distribution System of Pakyong Water supply scheme in East Sikkim	229.71	31/08/05	31/09/07	30/04/14	
2	Storm water drainage system of Gangtok, Sikkim	468.23	31/08/04	31/08/06	05/01/16	The project has been declared closed vide O.M. No. NEC/ IRGN /SKM/2K/3 dated 05.01.16

4. LIST OF NEW PROJECTS TAKEN UP DURING THE YEAR BOTH FROM CURRENT YEAR AS WELL AS LAST YEAR PRIORITY LIST:

Sl. No	Name of the Project	Date of sanction	Cost of the Project	NEC's share	State's share	Release break-ups	
						Date	Amount
	MH-3601						
	ASSAM						
1	Promotion of an Environmentally sound approach for sustainable water management optimizing usage Rain water Harvesting for Roof tops in institutions, Health centres & community centres in Assam	01/12/15	1248.00	1123.2	124.80	01/12/15	162.168
	MANIPUR						
2	Water Supply Scheme at Laisoipat, Yenapat and Awangsoi	09/06/15	1491.60	1342.44	149.16	09/06/15	400.00
3	Construction of Buffer Water Reservoir at Shirui village for Ukhrul town, Ukhrul District	10/06/15	500.00	450.00	50.00	10/06/15	150.00
4	Construction of pick up weir and pucca canal a/c Thoubal river at HungpungChihui, Kaziphung village, Ukhrul District	18/03/16	380.00	342.00	38.00	18/03/16	130.00
5	Construction of A/E scheme on KhugariveratZoummu nnuam. Churachanpur district	17/03/16	732.32	659.088	73.232	17/03/16	198.00
	MEGHALAYA						
6	Irrigation cum Management Works at UmtrewUmkta Village, Ribhoi District	10/06/15	823.44	741.096	82.344	10/06/15	296.00
	NAGALAND						
7	Development of water Harvesting Pond for Augmentation of Irrigation in Nagaland	17/06/15	469.58	422.622	46.958	17/06/15	187.83
8	Rutsa multipurpose irrigation project, Kohima, Nagaland	23/03/16	630.00	567	63.00	23/03/16	251.25

Sl. No	Name of the Project	Date of sanction	Cost of the Project	NEC's share	State's share	Release break-ups	
						Date	Amount
9	Conducting a detailed survey on water resource potential in Nagaland, including preparation of report on potential of river, Nagaland.	23/03/16	121.50	109.35	12.150	23/03/16	19.74
10	Rain Water Harvesting Project at PughobotoGhatashe and Asukiqa area under Pughoboto Sub-division, Kohima District, Nagaland	23/03/16	200.00	180.00	20.00	23/03/16	47.91
	TOTAL-IFC&WSM		6596.44	5936.796	659.644		1842.90

C. TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION SECTOR

"3601"

1. **ROADS & BRIDGES:**

There are 30 numbers of ongoing roads out of which 9 roads of 532.76 Kms are spill over works of the 10th Five Year Plan and 21 roads of 1376.73 Kms are ongoing works of the 11th Five Year Plan. Physical progress of works of the 10th Five Year Plan is 98%. In case of 11th Five Year Plan works, the progress is 69% and target date of completion will be March, 2018.

Out of these 30 roads, 16 are inter-state roads connecting more than one State, 3 roads are of international importance connecting border trade points and 11 are State specific roads. The details are given in the **Annexure – D**.

During the year 2015-16, formation of 201.00 Kms and pavement of 165.00 Kms have been completed.

During the year 2016-17, **Rs. 135.65 crores** has been kept as outlay under MH-"3601" for roads.

The committed liability for the road projects as on 31.03.2016 is Rs.666.56crore. The outlay available for roads including ISBT/ISTT projects is Rs. 140.15 crore for the financial year 2016-17 which is not sufficient as far as the likely demand of the States is concerned. In such a situation, the Probable Date of Completion (PDC) will have to further extend which may result in time and cost overrun.

The recommendation for construction of 75 road having 3659 Kms length at an estimated cost of Rs. 7282.00 crore by the NEC Working Group for the 12th Five Year Plan has been practically abandoned as the Planning Commission advised that those may be considered on case to case basis depending on the availability of funds. The possibility of

taking up road projects of 12th Five Year Plan with the present level of allocation is remote unless annual allocation is substantially stepped up.

Out of the roads proposed for the 12th Five Year Plan by NEC, 7 roads have been taken up under SARDP-NE, Asian Development Bank etc. leaving a balance of 68 Nos. of road with 3221 Kms length. Of these, 64 roads are road constructed with NEC funding during the earlier plan period. NEC has proposed to the 14th Finance Commission for rehabilitation of 64 roads @ Rs. 30.00 lakhs/Km with a total estimated cost of Rs.966.00 crore to be provided to the States directly.

2. ORPHAN ROADS:

NEC identified 1666.00 Kms of roads of economic importance in the Region to consider the proposal for taking up rehabilitation/construction/upgradation of the Orphan Road in NER. The proposal has been appraised by the SFC. These roads are being taken up under new schemes titled “North East Road Sector Development Schemes” (NERSDS) by the Ministry of DoNER.

3. INTER STATE BUS TERMINUS/ IS TRUCK TERMINUS:-

Since 10th Plan period, NEC has funded the construction of 11 nos. of ISBT in the Region- namely Guwahati, Silchar, Jorhat, Kohima, Mokokchung, Aizawl, Agartala, Dimapur, Chandrapur, Dewlahland, Shillong. Out of these, 10 Nos. of ISBT have been completed and the works for ISBT, Meghalaya at Shillong is under progress. As these Bus Terminus are outside the towns/cities, they have contributed a lot in reducing the growing traffic congestions inside the cities.

ISBT, Dewlahland at Imphal was closed during the FY 2015-16 and the works for ISBT, Kohima completed during FY 2014-15, which is yet to be closed financially.

Out of 5 Nos. of NEC funded ISTTs- namely Guwahati, Silchar, Dimapur, Jirania and Kohima, 3 Nos. have been completed and the works for ISTT at Jirania and ISTT at Kohima under progress. The ISTT Kohima has been sanctioned in 2014-15, and the Revised sanction for ISTT, Jirania accorded recently in January, 2016.

During the year 2016-17, Rs. 3.50 crores has been kept as outlay under MH-“3601” for ISBT/ISTT.

4. CONVERSION OF TIMBER BRIDGES TO PERMANENT BRIDGES: -

Bridges on the roads of the Region is a big challenge, as the region has innumerable numbers of small and major rivers. Keeping in view of this reality, 77 Nos. of timber/ weak bridges have been converted to permanent bridges in NER since 10th Five Year Plan under the financial support of NEC. This needs to be extended in the days to come .Thus, conversion of existing weak timber bridges have been proposed in the 12 FYP. Once these are approved the same shall be taken up for implementation.

The Sector has fully utilized Rs.280.30 crores provided in the year 2015-16.

During 2016-17 a token provision of Rs.0.50 crores has been kept as outlay under MH- “3601” for the conversion of timber bridges to permanent bridges.

During the year 2015-16 the Transport & Communication Sector has released the final installment for 6 (six) nos. conversion of timber bridges, 7 (seven) nos road projects 1 No ISBT, 1 No. Airport project.

In case of Road, ISBT/ISTT projects, there is a committed liability of Rs. Rs. **666.56 crores** as on **31st March, 2016**. The Outlay provided during the current year 2016-17 is Rs. **140.15 crores** under Head of Account "3601" for roads and ISBT/ISTT project which is not adequate to meet the committed liability. This is likely to delay the PDC approved by the EFC/SFC ultimately compelling to time and cost overrun in each of these ongoing projects, leading to revision of project cost.

5. ROADS UNDER BRO:

There is only 1 No. road projects undertaken by BRO at an estimated cost of Rs. 98.00 crores and NEC has released Rs. 94.93 crores.

During the year 2016-17, **Rs. 31.10 crores** has been kept as outlay under MH-"4552".

6. IMPROVEMENT OF AIRPORTS IN NER:-

NEC supported the up-gradation/ Strengthening of the existing infrastructure of 10 operational airports of the Region based on an MoU signed in early 2000-01 namely Guwahati, Lilabari, Tezpur, Jorhat, Silchar, Dibrugarh, Umroi, Imphal, Agartala and Dimapur and major works of these airports have been completed prior to the 12th Five Year Plan period. NEC supported the Govt of Mizoram for improvement of the infrastructure at Lengpui Airport, which have since been completed.

The Construction of Tezu Airport in Arunachal Pradesh also have been taken up for improvement for Rs. 79.00 crores during 11th Plan period and as on date Rs. 52.48 crores has been released and the work is in progress.

During 12th Plan period, the improvement of infrastructure of 5 Nos. airports of the Region-namely at Guwahati, Barapani (Umroi), Dibrugarh, Jorhat and Imphal at an estimated cost of Rs.141.17 crores have been taken up and Rs. 51.00 crores already released. The works at two airports, namely Guwahati and Jorhat Airports were completed during 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively.

During 2015-16, the works for Construction of hangar, associated apron and link taxiway at Imphal and Dibrugarh Airport at an estimated cost of Rs 56.75 crores was sanctioned. A sum of Rs. 8.00 crores has been released against these works.

Rs. 20.50 crore has been released for various ongoing projects. **Rs. 41.90 Crores** is allotted to the T&C Sector for the financial year 2016-17 under MH"4552".

7. AIR CONNECTIVITY IN NER:-

Improvement of Air connectivity in the Region was always in demand. Accordingly, a scheme has been supported by NEC in the form of VGF for air services by Alliance Air for operations of the flight in the routes which are not economically viable since the 10th Plan

period. After introduction of the scheme for providing VGF to Alliance Air, the scenario of the air services both in terms of the flights and the passengers have improved considerably. The number of flights per year increased from 32000 to over 55000. Similarly, the number of passengers increased from 1200000 to over 5100000 per year.

However, some of the sectors are yet to be connected by other airlines due to the lack of economic viability for their services.

Keeping in view, NEC has signed an MoU with Alliance Air in September, 2014 to support the airline in the form of VGF for the airports of the Region which are not connected by any other airlines. The project cost is Rs.124.12 crores. During 2015-16 Rs. 27.73 crores was released, leaving a committed liability of Rs.32.00 Crores (approx). The continuation of the programme shall be subject to satisfactory services by Alliance Air.

As a result of this scheme initiated by NEC, the airports at Barapani, Lilabari, Tezpur and Silchar which are not financially viable and not connected or properly connected by any other airline for economic reason are provided with the air services so as to give access to the other parts of the country in general and region in particular.

The Sector fully utilised Rs.27.73 crores provided in the year 2015-16. Rs.100.00 crores is kept as outlay for the year 2016-17 under MH- "2552" subsidies, considering the committed liability.

8. Project inspected during 2015-16 by the Sector:

Months	Projects inspected by	No. of Projects visited	States	Remarks
April, 2015	E.E. (T&C)	1	Arunachal Pradesh & Assam	for implementation of Pakke-Seijosa-Itakhola Road in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam
May, 2015	Nil			
June, 2015	Adviser (T&C)	1	Nagaland	Inspection of Road from Sainik School, Punglwa to Jalukie (NLCP project) on 20.06.2015.
	S.E (T&C)	2	Manipur	Inspection of Thoubal Sc College on 12.06.2015. Inspection of Chandel College on 13.06.2015
July, 2015	NIL			
August, 2015	E.E (T&C)	1	Assam	Inspection Report of Bhawanipur NH-31 to Manas National Park via Saudarvitha Ananda Bazar road on 17.08.2015
September, 2015	E.E (T&C) & A.E (T&C)	1	Assam	Inspection of Tingrai Chariali to Madhavpur Tinali and Joypur Tinali to Hukanjuri Gate road and Margherita-Deomali road funded under SIDF of Ministry of DoNER on 14.09.2015
October, 2015	S.E (T&C)	1	Arunachal Pradesh	Inspection of Tamen-Tali Road with DoNER official and halt at Ziro, Itanagar

Months	Projects inspected by	No. of Projects visited	States	Remarks
	S.E (T&C)	1	Tripura	Inspect NEC's Projects on 9.10.2015
	S.E (T&C)	3	Arunachal Pradesh	1. Inspection of project "Const. of Boys and Girls hostel for higher Secondary School at Dirang. 2. Inspection of the infrastructure development Govt. Higher Secondary School at Lumla in Tawang District. 3. Inspection of Development of Sports & Youth activities in NE Region, and construction of Multipurpose Hall, Tawangon 29 & 30, Oct, 2015
November, 2015	Adviser(T&C)	1	Nagaland	27.11.2015 & 28.11.2015 Inspection of DoNER project in Nagaland
	Adviser(T&C)	2	Sikkim	19.11.2015 Inspection of Road and Power Projects in West Sikkim. 20.11.2015 Inspection of Road and Power projects in East Sikkim.
	S.E (T&C)	1	Assam	29.11.2015 Inspection of Silchar-Dwarbond road in Assam
	S.E (T&C)	2	Mizoram	30.11.2015 Inspection of Sherkawn-Bhagabazar road in Mizoram. 02.12.2015 Inspection of Khedacherra-Damcherra-Zamuang-Kawrthah-Tuilutkawn road in Mizoram
	E.E (T&C)	3	Nagaland	13.11.2015 Inspection of Government High School Auditorium at Longsa at Mokokchung and Inspection of Mokokchung-Aghunato road. 14.11.2015 Inspection of Longleng-Ladaigarh road in Nagaland.
	E.E. (T&C)	1	Manipur	Inspection of Bishnupur-Nungba road on 7-9,11.2015
December, 2015	Adviser(T&C)	1	Assam	4.12.2015 Inspection of Bhawanipur NH-31 to Manas National Park via Saudarvitha Ananda Bazar Road
January, 2016	E.E. &T&C)	2	Arunachal Pradesh	Inspection of Sport complex, DONER project and inspection of Steel suspension bridge over river Siang, DoNER project with official from Min. of DoNER on 12.01.2016
	E.E. (T&C)	1	Arunachal Pradesh	Inspection of Tezu Airport on 19.01.2016
February, 2016	Adviser (T&C) and E.E.T&C)	2	Meghalaya	Inspection Agia-Medhipara-Phulbari-Tura road and Mankachar-Mahendraganj road on 9.2.2016
	E.E (T&C)	1	Assam	Inspection of Pakke-Seijosa-Itakhola Road 19.02.2016

9. Projects completed and closed Project during 2015-16:

(Rs. In lakhs)

Sl. No	Name of Project	Approved Cost	Sanction Date	Target date of Completion	Date of Completion	Remarks, if any
	Roads					
1	Rehabilitation and strengthening of Silchar-Kalain road	492.84	30.05.2008	3/2009	12/2009	
2	Digboi-Pengiri-Bordumsa-Mahadevpur	4289.00	5.09.2006	3/2013	3/2013	
3	Sonapur-Umden	4260.00	5.09.2000	3/2007	3/2015	
4	Impr. Of Agia-Medhipara-Phulbari-Tura	5967.62/ 6565.00	22.12.2005/ 06.09.2011	9/2014	3/2012	
5	Tlabung-Kwarpuichhuah	1416.00/ 1494.00	16.12.2006/ 24.08.2015	6/2014	5/2014	
6	Bairabi-Zamuang	3391.00/ 3768.00	27.10.2004/ 16.09.2011	3/2016	3/2013	
7	Sangkholo-Zingla-Martam	2357.00/ 2526.00	19.02.2010/ 6.11.2013	6/2014	1/2015	
	Conversion of timber bridges to RCC bridges					
1	Conversion of existing RCC bridge No. 3/2 on Darrangiri-Kharkutta road	128.94	3.03.2007	11/2009	2009	
2	Conversion of timber bridges on Dhupdara-Adokgiri road (Br 1/1, 1/2, 5/1, 5/2, 10/1) (Ph-I) & Br No. 10/2 (Ph-II)	485.75 + 195.02 = 680.77	24.06.2005/ 2.03.2007	5/2010	2010	
3	Conversion of SPT Br. No. 5/1 to RCC bridge near faculty High School on Amingaon North Guwahati Doulgobinda road	172.85	8.11.2006	7/2009	2009	
4	Conversion of SPT Bridge No. 2/5 & 4/3 on Rongsai-Borjhora-Bajengdoba road	438.19	21.03.2007	8/2010	2010	
5	Conversion of timber bridges on Krishnai-Mendipathar road (Br. 3/4, 4/4, 8/3, 8/4, 11/1) (PH-I) & (Br. No. 9/2, 11/2, 13/2) (PH-II)	481.28 + 423.49 =904.77	24.06.2005/ 3.03.2007	11/2008	2008	Final installment released during 2015-16 due to delayed in submission of U. C and A.G. Audit certificate

Sl. No	Name of Project	Approved Cost	Sanction Date	Target date of Completion	Date of Completion	Remarks, if any
6	Orang-MazbatRupa	86.13+ 49.71 + 54.74 + 336.00 + 256.53 + 58.62 = 841.73	28.08.2001/ 26.05.2003/ 26.05.2003/ 18.11.2005/ 18.11.2005/ 26.06.2006	4/2005	2005	
INTERSTATE BUS/TRUCK TERMINUS						
1	ISBT at Dewlahland	2640.00	5.3.2009	8,2014	2015	
AIRPORT						
1	Extension of Apron at Jorhat Airport	951.00	20.2.2013	3/2014	Nov, 2013	

10. Projects taken up by the Sector during 2015-16:

(Rs.in lakhs)

Sl. No	Name of the Project	Date of sanction	Cost of the Project	NEC's share	State's share	Release break-ups	
						Date	Amount
MH-3601							
11th Plan New Project							
ARUNACHAL PRADESH							
1	Pakke-Seijosa-Itakhola	02.06.2015	16616.00	14954.40	1661.60	1 st 02.06.2015	1000.00
ASSAM							
2	Pakke-Seijosa-Itakhola	02.06.2015	1376.00	1238.40	137.60	1 st 02.06.2015	500.00
TOTAL MH-3601			17992.00	16192.80			1500.00
MH-4552							
AIRPORT							
3	Construction of hangar, associated apron and link taxiway works at Imphal Airport	12.01.2016	3590.00	2154.00	1436.00	1 st 12.01.2016	300.00
4	Construction of hangar, associated apron and link taxiway works at Dibrugarh Airport	9.02.2016	2085.00	1251.00	834.00	1 st 9.02.2016	500.00
TOTAL MH-4552			5675.00	3405.00	2270.00		800.00
TOTAL-T&C			23667.00	19597.80	4069.20		2300.00

LIST OF ONGOING 10TH AND 11TH PLAN ROADS

10th Plan projects

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the road	State	Length in KM	Estimated cost Original/ Revised	Remarks
1	Pukhungri-Avanku-layshi	Nagaland	18.50	1042.00/ 2339.00	International Border Trade with Burma
2	Balance work of Manu-Chamanu	Tripura	15.30	980.00/ 1488.00	International Border with Bangladesh
3	Upgradation of Silchar-Dwarbond-Gaglacherra-Phaisen	Assam	75.00 Br=21 Nos	8581.59	Interstate
4	Laimekuri-Nari-Telem-Rimi	Arunachal	61.00 Br= 23 Nos	5983.80/ 7800.00	State specific roads
5	Mahadev-Tolloi-Pfutsero	Manipur (BRO)	78.00	7412.00/ 9802.00	Interstate with Nagaland
6	Saitual-Saichal-NE-Bualpui	Mizoram	36.60	3476.00/ 4097.00	State specific roads
7	Dharmanagar-Tilthai-Damcherra	Tripura	60.00	6625.00/ 8167.00	State specific roads
8	Seppa-Chyangtajo(Ph-I)	Arunachal	81.00 Br= 11 Nos	9050.00	State specific roads
9	Tuensang -Longleng-Ladaigarh	Nagaland	107.36	5153.00/ 7949.00	Interstate
	TOTAL 10TH PLAN		532.76	59273.59	

11th Plan Projects

Sl. No.	Name of the road	State	Length in KM	Estimated cost Original/ Revised	Remarks
1	(a) Construction of Longding-Nokajan road	Arunachal Pradesh	28.45 Br= 1 No	3016.00	Interstate
	(b) -do-	Nagaland	46.35 Br=1 No	4913.00	
2	(a) Improvement of Mankachar-Mahendraganj road	Meghalaya	22.96 Br= 1 No	2867.00	Interstate
	(b) -do-	Assam	8.20	1212.00	
3	Improvement of Silchar-Kalain road connecting NH-53 to NH-44	Assam	28.53	5925.00	Interstate with Mizoram
4	Bishalgarh-Boxanagar-Sonamura-Barpathari-Belonia	Tripura	83.00 Br= 7 Nos	19597.00	State specific roads
5	Tamenglong-Tamei road	Manipur	49.75 Br= 6 Nos	6686.00/ 6969.00	Interstate with Nagaland
6	Upgradation Agia-Medhipra-Phulbari-Tura road (Balance	Meghalaya	72.89 Br= 7 Nos	9064.00	Interstate with Assam

Sl. No.	Name of the road	State	Length in KM	Estimated cost Original/ Revised	Remarks
	work)				
7	Viswema-Kedima-Zuketsa road	Nagaland	36.40 Br= 2 Nos	6527.00/ 7999.00	Interstate with Manipur
8	Improvement of Sangkhola-Sumin road	Sikkim	12.00/ 9.00	1405.00/ 1095.00	State specific roads
9	Improvement of Sangkhola-Zingla road	Sikkim	17.00	2357.00/ 2526.00	State specific roads
10	(a) Improvement of Thanlon-Singhat road (Ngopa-Tuivai)	Mizoram	43.50	6767.00	Interstate
	(b) Kangpokpi-Tamei road	Manipur	70.25	8700.00/ 8995.00	
11	(a) Improvement of Mairang-Ranigodown-Azra Road	Assam	18.92	2494.00	Interstate
	(b) -do-	Meghalaya	81.50 Br= 1 No	10000.00	
12	(a) Improvement of Jowai-Khanduli-Baithalansu road	Assam	59.55	7100.00	Interstate
	(b) -do-	Meghalaya	54.80	6736.00	
13	Construction of Tamen-Dolongmukh road	Arunachal Pradesh	107.00 Br= 13 Nos	13962.00	Interstate with Assam
14	Upgradation of road from Simchuthang-Pabong-Yangang	Sikkim	23.00	6284.00	State specific roads
15	Improvement of Sherkhan-Bhagabazar road	Mizoram	115.20	14603.00/ 14863.00	Interstate with Assam
16	Improvement of Reshi to Bermiok road	Sikkim	16.10 Br= 1 No	2909.00	State specific roads
17	Improvement of Aghunato-Mokokchung via Suruhoto road	Nagaland	88.00 Br.= 2 Nos	15831.00	State specific roads
18	Construction of Bishnupur-Nungba road	Manipur	89.52 Br= 6 Nos.	14771.00	State specific roads
19	Construction of Bhowanipur-NH 31 to ManashNatijonal Park via SaudarVithaAnanada Bazar road	Assam	32.20 Br= 4 Nos	5838.00	International Border with Bhutan
20	Improvement of Khedacherra-Damcherra-Zamuang-Kawrtethaw-Tuilutkawn road	Mizoram	88.50 Br= 1 No	13470.00/ 17963.00	Interstate with Tripura
21	Pakke-Seijosa-Itakhola road	Arunachal Pradesh	70.00 Br= 20 Nos	16616.00	Interstate
	-do-	Assam	16.16	1376.00	
	TOTAL 11TH PLAN		1376.73	217688.00	
	GRAND TOTAL		1909.49	276961.59	

D. MEDICAL & HEALTH SECTOR**1. List of Retained Projects for the Year 2014-15**

Sl. No	Name of the project	Estimated Cost	Status /Remarks
	ARUNACHAL PRADESH		
1	Infrastructure Development of Sagalee CHC, Papumpare District	500.00	Sanctioned during 2015-16
2	Construction of Primary Health Centre at Hiya under Nyapin, ADC HQ	300.00	Sanctioned during 2015-16
	ASSAM		
3	Construction of Hostels(Male & Female) for Resident Doctors including dining block in respect of Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College & Hospital, Barpeta.	1482.37	The Govt. of Assam has been requested vide our letter dated 17/07/2015 to furnish a Non-Duplicacy Certificate but till date no documents has been received.
4	Infrastructure Development of Makunda Christian Leprosy and General Hospital	490.00	The Govt. of Assam has re-prioritized the same project in their Annual Priority List 2015-16. The Govt. of Assam is yet to furnish the reply of the observation.
	MEGHALAYA		
5	Setting up of permanent Campus of Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH) at Shillong, Phase-I	1481.00	The Govt. of Meghalaya has been requested to furnish some clarifications and also requested for comprehensive DPR of the project.
6	College of Nursing, Dr. H. Gordon Roberts Hospitals, Jaiaw, Meghalaya, Shillong	939.52	1) The Govt. of Meghalaya has been requested to furnish the clarification on the observations received yet.
	SIKKIM		
7	Purchase of 100 MA X-Ray Machine and Accessories for PHCs, Sikkim.	554.00	The Govt. of Sikkim was requested to furnish some clarifications, but no reply is received from them. However, the project has also been re-prioritized by the Govt. of Sikkim during 2015-16.
	TRIPURA		
8	Up-gradation of Karbook Sub-Divisional Hospital, Tripura	1327.00	The Govt. of Tripura has been requested to furnish some clarification on the observations but no reply received yet. However, the project has also been re-prioritized by the Govt. of Tripura during 2015-16.
	TOTAL	7073.89	

2. RETAINED PROJECTS IN 2015-16 NOT YET SANCTIONED

Sl. No	Name of the project	Estimated Cost	Details status of the project yet to be sanctioned
	ARUNACHAL PRADESH		
1	Construction of Infrastructure Development of PHC at Dadam, CO Hqtr. in Tirap, Arunachal Pradesh	500.00	The Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has submitted the comprehensive DPR and is under examination.

2	Velescope Solution for early screening of Oral Cancer or Oral Health Programme of Arunachal Pradesh	200.00	The Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has submitted the DPR and is under examination.
	MEGHALAYA		
3	Establishment of 6 bedded Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Ampati, South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya	356.12	The Govt. of Meghalaya has been requested to furnish the complete Concept Paper as well as comprehensive DPR.
	MIZORAM		
4	2 ND Phase Development & Implementation of Computerized Hospital & Management & Info System for Civil Hospital Lunglei, Champhai & State Data Centre, Civil Hospital, Aizawl.	1042.00	The Govt. of Mizoram has been requested to submit the comprehensive DPR of the project.
5	Bio-Medical Waste for District Hospital, Lawngtlai, Champhai, Mamit & Serchhip	468.00	The Govt. of Mizoram has submitted the clarification on the observations alongwith the Revised DPR and the same is under examination.
6	Purchase of CT Scan Machine at Civil Hospital, Lunglei.	280.00	The Govt. of Mizoram was requested to submit the comprehensive DPR as per the prescribed format of NEC along with the relevant documents.
7	Purchase of MRI Scan Machine for Civil Hospital, Aizawl.	1067.00	The Govt. of Mizoram has submitted the Revised DPR alongwith the reply of the observations and the same is under examination.
	NAGALAND		
8	Up-gradation of and Installation of Equipments at the Naga Hospital, Kohima, Nagaland	400.00	The NEC-PAC in its meeting held on 05/02/2016 decided that the project will be approved for sanction subject to the completion of other on-going projects in the Naga Hospital, Kohima, Nagaland.
9	Procurement of MRI Machine in the Faith Hospital, Dimapur, Nagaland.	540.80	Sanctioned during 2015-16
	Total	3786.92	

3. SECTORAL ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2015-16:

❖ Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute, Guwahati, Assam.

Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute, Guwahati an autonomous organization under the Govt. of Assam and a Regional Center for Cancer treatment and research recognized by the Ministry of Health & FW, Govt. of India is being funded under a Tripartite Agreement between NEC, Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India and Govt. of Assam. Total amount of Rs. 1891.53 lakh as Recurring Expenditure released till date by the NEC to the Institute. The balance fund to be released to the Institute is Rs. 812.31 lakh. Regarding transfer of Dr. B. B. Cancer Institute, Guwahati to the DAE, the 1st meeting of the Task Force constituted by the DAE was held on 30th July, 2015. Final Action taken on the recommendations.

❖ **Setting up of North Eastern Regional Multi-disciplinary Paramedical Institute, Dimapur, Nagaland.**

At the initiative of the then Union Minister, DONER and Chairman, NEC, it was proposed to establish a Regional Multi-disciplinary Paramedical Institute at Dimapur, Nagaland. An MOU was signed between the NEC and the Govt. of Nagaland in this regard of a total cost of Rs 49.81 crores. The project proposal has been approved by the Standing Finance Committee on 13/01/2014 at an estimated cost of Rs. 49.81 crores. NEC released Rs. 5.00 crores as 1st installment during the year 2013-14 and Rs. 15.00 crore as 2nd installment during the year 2014-15. The Institute has already started the Nursing and Allied Health Sciences courses during the year 2015. The seat sharing ratio is 40 : 60 i.e. 40% for host State and 60% for rest of the NE States.

❖ **Setting up of Regional Nursing College, Hapania (near Agartala), Tripura.**

As discussed in the 64th NEC Plenary DPR for Regional Nursing College at Hapania (Agartala), Tripura is received at NEC at an estimated cost of Rs. 64.24 crore and same is under examination.

❖ **Establishment of Medical Colleges in Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland as well as establishment of Nursing and Para-Medical Colleges in all District HQs of NE States:-** As agreed during the 1st Executive Committee Meeting held on 6th October, 2015 at New Delhi regarding establishment of Medical Colleges in Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland as well as establishment of Nursing and Para-Medical Colleges in all District HQs of NE States, the State Governments of the NE Region were requested to submit the proposals.

❖ **Infrastructure Development/Up-gradation of SC, PHC, CHC, etc in the rural areas of NE Region:** - As per NER Vision 2020 and as approved by the 64th NEC Plenary, the inadequate health infrastructure, equipments and medical manpower in the NE region need to strengthen for SC, PHC, CHC, etc in the rural areas. The proposals from the State Govts. of the NE Region are expecting.

❖ **Setting up of Regional Technical Institution like Indian Institute of Public Health: -**

The Govt. of Meghalaya has submitted a project proposal namely "Setting Up of Permanent Campus of Indian Institute of Public Health" at Shillong. The comprehensive DPR from the Govt. of Meghalaya is awaited.

❖ A Regional Consultative Conference on SWINE FLU and other Emerging Infectious Diseases was held on 24th& 25th April, 2015 in NEC, Shillong. A letter was written on 6th May, 2016 to all the State Governments of the NE Region to explore the possibility for establishing a Laboratory for diagnosing Swine Flu and Emerging Infectious Diseases in each States in existing facilities in Govt. Hospitals by way of setting up of new facility or by up-grading of existing facility.

❖ A meeting was organized under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for DoNER cum Chairman, North Eastern Council with the representatives from the State Govts. of the NE Region and Govt. of India at New Delhi on the 20th November, 2015 on "**High Prevalence of Cancer in North East India**". As per the decision taken in the meeting and with reference to the letter of intimation from the Cancer Institute, Adyar, Chennai, we have communicated to all the State Governments of the NE Region regarding formulation of the

training modules by the Institute as per the requirements of the specialty for a period of 6 months for Medical Officers and 3 months for Para-Medical personnel.

❖ Three (3) new projects were sanctioned since the last Council meeting:

- Construction of Hiya Primary Health Centre under ADC HqNyapin, Arunachal Pradesh with an estimated cost of Rs. 365.25 lakh.
- Infrastructure Development of Sagalee CHC, Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh with an estimated cost or Rs. 437.00 lakh.
- Procurement of MRI Machine in Faith Hospital, Dimapur, Nagaland with an estimated cost of Rs. 540.80 lakh.

4. List of projects inspected during the year 2015-16 by the Sector:

Sl. No	List of NEC funded projects inspected	State	Inspection Date	Inspection done by
1.	Establishment of 50 bedded Hospital at Mengio (Shakiang), Papumpare District.	Arunachal Pradesh	18/02/2016	EE (Civil), T&C Sector
2.	Establishment of Blood Bank by Shija Health Care & Research Institute, Langol, Imphal	Manipur	07/03/2016	Consultant (ME), Consultant (EE) and Consultant (CE), NEC
3	Support for Procurement of an MRI (1.5 T) machine at Civil Hospital, Shillong.	Meghalaya	08/03/2016	EO(Seismo), S&T Sector
4	Support for Development & Implementation of Hospital Management Information System (HMIS), Phase – I at Civil Hospital, Aizawl. (Completed Project)	Mizoram	16/02/2016	EO(Seismo), S&T Sector

5. DETAILS OF PRE-INVESTMENT VISITS:-

Sl. No	List of NEC funded projects inspected	State	Inspection Date	Inspection done by
1	Infrastructure Development of Sagalee CHC, Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh	18/02/2015	Adviser (Health), NEC
2	Procurement of MRI Machine in the Faith Hospital, Dimapur, Nagaland.	Nagaland	02/12/2015	Adviser (Health), NEC

6. DETAILS OF CLOSED PROJECTS:-

SL. No.	Name of Project	Approved Cost	Sanction Date	Target Date of Completion	(Rs.in lakhs)
					Remarks, if any
1.	Support to District Hospital, Churachandpur, Manipur	435.35	12/08/2005	31/03/2010	The Office Memorandum for closure of the project has been issued on 2 nd February, 2016.
2.	Infrastructure support to Nursing School, Lamphelpat, Imphal,	462.00	12/08/2005	31/08/2007 (O) 31/12/2014 (R)	The Office Memorandum for closure of the project

SL. No.	Name of Project	Approved Cost	Sanction Date	Target Date of Completion	Remarks, if any
	Manipur.				has been issued on 14 th January, 2016.
3.	Support for Development & Implementation of Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) at Civil Hospital, Aizawl	466.51	14/03/2011	31/03/2013	The Office Memorandum for closure of the project has been issued on 1 st March, 2016.
	TOTAL	1363.86			

7. (i) List of new projects taken up during the year from the priority list 2014-15

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Date of Sanction	Cost of the Project	NEC's share	State's Share	Released break-up	
						Date	Amount
	MH-3601						
	ARUNACHAL PRADESH						
1	Construction of Hiya Primary Health Centre under ADC Hq Nyapin, Arunachal Pradesh	2015-16 08-03-2016	365.25	328.73	36.53	08/03/2016	131.49
2	Infrastructure Development of Sagalee CHC, Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh	2015-16 08-03-2016	437.00	393.30	43.70	08/03/2016	157.32
	TOTAL		802.25	722.03	80.23		288.81

(ii) List Of New Projects Taken Up During The Year From Priority List 2015-16

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Date of Sanction	Cost of the Project	NEC's share	State's Share	Released break-up	
						Date	Amount
	MH-3601						
	NAGALAND						
1	Procurement of MRI Machine in the Faith Hospital at Dimapur, Nagaland	2015-16 22/02/2016	540.80	486.72	54.08	22/02/2016	389.38
	TOTAL		540.80	486.72			389.38

E. HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT & EMPLOYMENT SECTOR

1. GENERAL ISSUES:

HRD&E sector has taken up projects relating to Education, Social, Skill Development and Sports as per the Priority List forwarded by Member State of NER. Stipends and Book Grants are given to NE students pursuing professional courses. Sportsmen/Sportswomen medal winner in various sports events (both national and international level) were given Cash Awards by NEC. Skill Development programmes are also taken up.

2. SECTORAL ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2015-16

- a. During the year 2015-16 a total of 8 new projects were approved and sanctioned to various states of the NER for a total cost of Rs. 4199.09 lakhs out of which Rs. 1367.70 lakhs was released as first installment and total of Rs. 1281.04 lakh released for ongoing projects were under “Infrastructure Development of Educational Institutes in NE Regions”. Under the scheme “Development of Sports and Youth Activities in NE Regions”, a total of 7 new projects were approved and sanctioned to various states of the NER for a cost of Rs. 3178.85 lakhs out of which Rs. 2860.96 lakhs was released as first installment and Rs. 1951.03 lakhs released for ongoing projects.
- b. As a pilot project, the NEC is currently supporting students studying at the Assam Rifles Public School, Shillong. A total of 23 students (every year at the entry level of Class VI and supported upto Class X) from the NER are supported starting from the year 2011-12. The financial support is inclusive of school fees, exam fees, hostels, books, etc. Till 2015-16, a total of 115 students have been sponsored by the NEC.
- c. Financial Support to student in NE Region during 2015-16 amounting to Rs.800.00 lakh was released for financial support to the students in NER. State-wise distribution was (i) Rs. 127.12 lakh to Arunachal Pradesh (ii) Rs.222.06 lakh to Assam (iii) Rs. 135.00 lakh to Manipur (iv) Rs. 107.87 lakh for Meghalaya (v) Rs. 61.29 lakh to Mizoram (vi) Rs. 4.19 lakh to Nagaland and (vii) Rs. 142.47 lakh to Tripura.
- d. Proposals relating to social welfare especially for women, children and the elderly like establishment of crèches, old age homes, orphanages, children homes, etc are being taken up under the scheme “Development & Promotion of Education and Social Sector”. During the FY 2015-16, 1(one) new project was approved at an estimated cost of Rs. 587.00 lakh out of which Rs. 240.00 lakh was released. However, the States would also have to take the benefit of the various Schemes of the Ministries under the Govt. of India like the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, etc.
- e. Various job oriented training courses and coaching programmes for entrance exams and other government exams are being sponsored by the NEC.
- f. “NEC Dr. T. Ao Memorial Football Tournament” introduced during 2009-10 which is an Inter State Football Tournament is held annually among states of the NER in memory of (Late) Dr. TalimerenAo from Nagaland, who was the captain of the Indian National Football team in the 1948 Summer Olympics held in London. The tournament is to be held annually on a rotational basis by the States of the NER. 6 editions of the tournament have been held so far (Nagaland – 2009, Manipur – 2010, Sikkim – 2012, Meghalaya – 2013, Mizoram – 2014 and Assam - 2015). The 7th edition is going to be held in Arunachal Pradesh during April/May 2016.

- g. During the year 2015-16, under the scheme “NEC Chairman’s Sports Award for excellence in International & National Sports Meets by Sportsmen/Sportswomen of NE”, a total of 174 sportspersons of NER who won 220 medals (Gold - 97, Silver – 50 and Bronze – 73) in the 35th National Games in Kerala were felicitated and given Cash Awards of Rs. 464.00 lakhs.

3. PROJECT INSPECTED DURING 2015-16

Sl. No	List of NEC funded projects inspected	State	Inspection Date	Inspection done by
	EDUCATION, SOCIAL & SKILL			
1	Introduction of Interactive Digital Classroom for Development of Science and Mathematics in 24 Schools 3 classrooms each in the State of Meghalaya.	Meghalaya	09.06.2015	Director HRD&E
2	Construction of Boys' Hostel, Girls' Hostel and Compound fencing of the R.K. Sanatombi Devi Vidyalaya Jiribam Bapupara, Imphal East	Manipur	16.06.2015	Director HRD&E
3	Upgradation /Modernisation of Class Rooms for 15 Govt Colleges at Nagaland.	Nagaland	18.06.2015	Director HRD&E
4	Upgradation and maintenance of science laboratory in 4 science colleges, Nagaland.	Nagaland	18.06.2015	Director HRD&E
5	Infrastructure Development of ITI at Yupia, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh.	Arunachal Pradesh	30.07.2015	Director HRD&E
6	Construction of Home for Cancer affected children by Deepshikha, Guwahati.	Assam	21.08.2015	Director HRD&E
7	Construction of Boys' and Girls' Hostel for Higher Secondary School at Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh	29.10.2015	Director HRD&E
8	Infrastructure Development of Government Higher Secondary School at Lumla in Tawang, District.	Arunachal Pradesh	30.10.2015	Director HRD&E
9	Construction of School Infrastructure for J.N. Aier Residential School at Yajang Mokokchung, Nagaland.	Nagaland	04.12.2015	Director HRD&E
10	Infrastructure Development at Mayangnokcha Govt. Higher Secondary School, Mokokchung, Nagaland.	Nagaland	04.12.2015	Director HRD&E
11	Construction of Community Service Centre for Welfare of Rural Community at Chumukedima, Dimapur, Nagaland.	Nagaland	04.12.2015	Director HRD&E
12	Construction of Boys' and Girls' Hostel at Karong Village, Senapati District, Manipur.	Arunachal Pradesh	14.01.2016	Director HRD&E
	SPORTS			
1	Construction of Multipurpose Hall,	Arunachal	10/30/2015	Director (HRD&E)

Sl. No	List of NEC funded projects inspected	State	Inspection Date	Inspection done by
	Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh	Pradesh		
2	Construction of Football Stadium at Changlang in Changlang District.	Arunachal Pradesh	2/12/2016	Consultant E&M Sector
3	Improvement of General Ground with Gallery at Taliha under Upper Subansiri District	Arunachal Pradesh	2/7/2016	Consultant E&M Sector
4	Construction of Indoor Stadium at Raga under Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh	2/5/2016	Consultant E&M Sector
5	Installation of Floodlight System at J.N. Sports Complex, Polo Ground, Shillong.	Meghalaya	1/12/2016	Consultant E&M Sector
6	Construction of covered public sitting gallery including construction of dressing room, association hall, medical hall, official rooms, ball boys room, toilet etc at the ground floor at Ground No.1. Polo, Shillong.	Meghalaya	1/12/2016	Consultant E&M Sector
7	Construction of Multipurpose Sports Indoor Stadium at Pfutsero Town, Phek District.	Nagaland	3/2/2016	Consultant E&M Sector
8	Construction of Indoor Stadium, Playground with gallery at Rajiv Gandhi Tribal University at Makhan near Sekmai	Manipur	1/14/2016	Director (HRD&E)
9	Construction of Multipurpose cultural-cum-Indoor Hall at Purul Block, Senapati District	Manipur	1/15/2016	Director (HRD&E)
10	Construction of Indoor Stadium at Electric Veng at Aizawl, Mizoram.	Mizoram	11/30/2015	Director (HRD&E)
11	Construction and Establishment of Sports Centre at Phulpui, Aizawl district Mizoram.	Mizoram	11/30/2015	Director (HRD&E)
12	Construction of Multipurpose Sports Centre for Northern Region of Mizoram at Darlawn, Aizawl District.	Mizoram	11/30/2015	Director (HRD&E)
13	Construction of Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at Sanis, SDO Wokha	Nagaland	12/5/2015	Director (HRD&E)
14	Construction of Mini Outdoor Stadium at Wozhuro Town Wokha	Nagaland	12/5/2015	Director (HRD&E)
15	Construction of NBCC convention Centre at Kohima	Nagaland	12/6/2015	Director (HRD&E)
16	Construction of Multipurpose Stadium at G. Rio, Kohima	Nagaland	12/6/2015	Director (HRD&E)
17	Construction of Multi-disciplinary Outdoor Sports Complex at new district hqtrs, Peren	Nagaland	12/7/2015	Director (HRD&E)
18	Development of Archery complex at Lathagchan and Indoor Gymnasium for Boxing, Taekwondo, Karate, Wushu at Gangtok, East Sikkim.	Sikkim	5/19/2015	Consultant E&M Sector

Sl. No	List of NEC funded projects inspected	State	Inspection Date	Inspection done by
19	Construction of Goroimari Stadium Ground at Langhin, Karbi Anglong.	Assam	7/28/2015	Consultant E&M Sector
20	Construction of Sports Complex at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University- Regional Campus. (IGNTU)	Manipur	4/1/2015	Secretary, NEC and Adviser (T&C), NEC,
21	Construction of J.J.M Nichols Roy Memorial-Cum-Youth Centre in Jaiaw.	Meghalaya	1/5/2016	Director (HRD&E)

4. DETAILS OF PRE INVESTMENT VISITS

Sl. No	List of projects inspected	State	Inspection Date	Inspection done by
	EDUCATION, SOCIAL & SKILL			
1	Infrastructure Development for newly upgraded Govt. Hr. Secondary School in Nagaland 11 district	Nagaland	11.01.2016	Director HRD&E
2	Construction of hostel, Science and computer Building for the Children Christian School Mission Road, Kohima	Nagaland	11.01.2016	Director HRD&E
3	Skill Development Training Programme on Bamboo enterprise and promotion in Nagaland	Nagaland	11.01.2016	Director HRD&E
4	Setting up of workshop cum training institute at Dimapur	Nagaland	11.01.2016	Director HRD&E
5	Construction of Scheduled Tribe Boys & Girls Hostel at Noney, Tamenglong District.	Manipur	11.01.2016	Director HRD&E
6	Construction of Scheduled Tribe Boys & Girls Hostel at Chandel.	Manipur	12.01.2016	Director HRD&E
7	Construction of Boys & Girls hostel at St. Anthony's School, Muirei, Ukhrul District	Manipur	12.01.2016	Director HRD&E
8	Construction of Boys & Girls hostel at Poirukhongi High School, Imphal East	Manipur	12.01.2016	Director HRD&E
9	Construction of Tribal Boys & Girls Hostel at Chandel District	Manipur	12.01.2016	Director HRD&E
10	Construction of Boys & Girls hostel at Chayaima Hr. Secondary School, Thoubal, Thoubal District	Manipur	12.01.2016	Director HRD&E
11	Construction of Model Academic Building and Science Lab Block (G+2) of Heirok Higher Secondary School, Thoubal	Manipur	12.01.2016	Director HRD&E
12	Construction of Model Library Automation and procurement of books including e-book for two colleges	Manipur	12.01.2016	Director HRD&E
13	Construction of Multipurpose Cultural cum indoor hall at Purul block Senapati	Manipur	13.01.2016	Director HRD&E

Sl. No	List of projects inspected	State	Inspection Date	Inspection done by
14	Construction of Multipurpose Cultural cum indoor hall at Longmai, Tamenglong District.	Manipur	11.01.2016	Director HRD&E
SPORTS				
1	Construction of Lamka Public ground, Churachanpur	Manipur	1/12/2016	Director (HRD&E)
2	Construction of Indoor Stadium, Playground with gallery at Rajiv Gandhi Tribal University at Makhan near Sekmai	Manipur	1/14/2016	Director (HRD&E)
3	Construction of Kumbani Stadium, Mangkolemba Town	Nagaland	12/4/2015	Director (HRD&E)
4	Urban Recreational and Resource Centre at New Capital Complex, Kohima, Nagaland	Nagaland	12/7/2015	Director (HRD&E)
5	Construction of Multipurpose Hall at MLA Hostel, Kohima	Nagaland	12/7/2015	Director (HRD&E)
6	Construction of Indoor Stadium shooting Range at Dimapur	Nagaland	12/8/2015	Director (HRD&E)

5. DETAILS OF CLOSED PROJECTS:

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Date of Sanction	Approved Cost of the Project	Completion date/year	Remarks, if any
2015-16					
ARUNACHAL PRADESH					
1	Infrastructure Development of Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Tabarijo, Arunachal Pradesh.	11.02.2010	298.95	1st September, 2015	The project is hereby declared as closed.
ASSAM					
1	Financial Assistance for Holding of 33rd Senior National Archery Championship at Guwahati	19/3/2010	10.00	23rd October, 2015	The project is hereby declared as closed.
MANIPUR					
1	Mount Everest Expedition for the North Eastern States	23/03/2012	300.00	2nd November, 2015	The project is hereby declared as closed.
2	Holding of Dr. T. Ao. Memorial Football Tournament at Imphal	01/09/2010	50.12	2010	The project is hereby declared as closed.

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Date of Sanction	Approved Cost of the Project	Completion date/year	Remarks, if any
3	Hosting of Junior National Badminton Championship (Boys & Girls under 17 and 19 years) at Imphal during November, 10th -19th, 2012	26/11/2012	60.00	22nd December, 2015	The project is hereby declared as closed.
4	Construction of Playground cum-gallery at Purul Sub Division, Senapati District	18/12/2006	59.23	26 th February, 2016	The project is hereby declared as closed.
MEGHALAYA					
1	Hosting of South Asian Federation Junior Table Tennis Championship 2012 at Shillong, Meghalaya	06-11-2012	10.00	8th September, 2015	The project is hereby declared as closed.
2	Conducting 34th Junior National Archery Championship at Shillong, Meghalaya held from 4th to 9th December 2011	15/12/2011	8.00	2nd November, 2015	The project is hereby declared as closed.
3	Organising NEC Dr. T. Ao Memorial Football Tournament held from 11th to 16th March 2013	15/11/2012	49.90	9th February, 2016	The project is hereby declared as closed.
MIZORAM					
1	Establishment of Regional Sports Training Centre at Saidan, Kolasib	20/3/10	495.20	1 st September, 2015	The project is hereby declared as closed.
2	Hosting of North East Women's Hockey League at Aizawl from 8th November, 2010 to 17th November, 2010	24-09-2010	5.50	1 st September, 2015	The project is hereby declared as closed.
NAGALAND					
1	Supply of School Furniture to 261 Nos of Government Rural Schools in Sikkim.	05.03.2010	488.22	28th May, 2015	The project is hereby declared as closed.

6. LIST OF NEW PROJECTS TAKEN UP DURING THE YEAR:

Sl. No	Name of the Projects	Sanction Date	Approved Cost	NEC Share	State Share	Release Break.up	
						Date	Amount
	MH-3601						
	ARUNACHAL PRADESH						
1	Infrastructure Development of Govt. Secondary school at Parsi Parlo under Parsi Parlo Circle in Kurung Kumey District, Arunachal Pradesh.	18.05.2015	474.24	426.82	47.42	18.05.2015	170.73
2	Infrastructure Development of ITI at Yupia, Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh.	18.05.2015	156.16	140.54	15.62	18.05.2015	56.22
3	Construction of Double Storied School Building at Sagalee (Govt. Higher Secondary School), Arunachal Pradesh.	17.09.2015	1048.15	943.34	104.82	17.09.2015	377.33
4	Infrastructure Development of Model School at Paying Circle Hq, Upper Subansari District, Arunachal Pradesh.	17.03.2016	415.00	373.50	41.50	17.03.2016	150.00
	MEGHALAYA						
5	Vocational Infrastructure Development for Belfonte Communtiy College at Shillong, East Khasi Hills, Umdohlun Village, South West Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya.	28.01.2016	366.85	330.17	36.69	28.01.2016	146.74
6	Construction of G+4 building for Skill Development at Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Shillong	17.03.2016	378.00	340.20	37.80	17.03.2016	136.00
	MIZORAM						

Sl. No	Name of the Projects	Sanction Date	Approved Cost	NEC Share	State Share	Release Break.up	
						Date	Amount
7	Community Hall at Chandmary West, Aizawl Mizoram	17.03.2016	457.00	411.30	45.70	17.03.2016	164.00
8	Community complex at Edenthlar, Mizoram	17.03.2016	463.00	416.70	46.30	17.03.2016	166.68
SIKKIM							
9	Construction of Old Age Home at Lower Kamrang, KitchuDumra, South Sikkim	22.03.2016	587.00	528.30	58.70	22.03.2016	240.00
Total MH 3601			4345.40				1607.70
MH-2552							
MANIPUR							
1	Construction of Scheduled Tribe Boys & Girls Hostel at Noney, Tamenglong District.	22.03.2016	821.02	821.02	n/a	22.03.2016	226.80
TRAINING PROGRAMMES							
2	One Year Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Rural Development Management (PGDRDM) offered by NIRD, Hyderabad. (i) Batch -7 and 8	11.06.2015	18.00	18.00	n/a	11.06.2015	18.00
3	Skill Development Programme of Bamboo Enterprise and Promotion in Nagaland.	23.03.2016	137.00	137.00	n/a	23.03.2016	126.09
Total MH 2552			976.02				370.89
SPORTS							
MH 3601 - 35							
ARUNACHAL PRADESH							
1	Construction of Outdoor Stadium at Chayangtajo in East Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh.	15/5/2015	392.34	353.11	39.23	15/05/2015	141.24
2	Construction of Indoor Stadium at Hunli, Lower Dibang Valley District, Arunachal Pradesh.	15/5/2015	353.91	318.52	35.39	15/05/2015	127.41
3	Construction of	22-03-2016	291.00	261.90	29.10	22-03-2016	70.33

Sl. No	Name of the Projects	Sanction Date	Approved Cost	NEC Share	State Share	Release Break.up	
						Date	Amount
	Football Stadium at Lumla, Tawang District, Arunachal Pradesh						
4	Construction of Football Stadium at Sakiang, Papumpare District, Arunachal Pradesh	31-03-2016	282.06	253.85	28.21	31-03-2016	96.51
	NAGALAND						
5	Construction of Multipurpose Hall at MLA Hostel Kohima, Nagaland	25/2/2016	647.54	582.78	64.76	25/2/2016	233.11
6	Construction of Urban Recreational & Resource Centre Kohima, Nagaland	17/3/2016	1142.00	1027.80	114.20	17/3/2016	300.00
	Total MH-3601 -35		3108.85	2797.96			968.60
	NAGALAND						
	MH 3601 - 31						
1	Organising NEC Dr.T.Ao Memorial Football Tournament at Aalo, West Siang District.	18/11/2015	70.00	63.00	7.00	18/11/2015	50.40
	Total MH-3601 - 31		70.00	63.00			50.40

F. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

1. GENERAL ISSUES

As per the S & T Working Group and Vision 2020 recommendations special thrust has been given to S & T programmes encompassing Remote Sensing Application Programmes, Disaster Management related programmes, IT Applications, IT education including R & D. The budget provision for S & T sector during 2016-2017 has been drawn to cover the cost of ongoing scheme liabilities as well as for new schemes to be taken up in line/ within the purview of S&T action plan under the broad schematic head of Regional Management & Information System (RMIS), Remote Sensing Application, consultancy and R&D, Disaster Management, IT Application, IT Education, Public Awareness of S&T and Science & Technology & IT oriented programme by the respective States.

2. SECTORAL ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2015-16

UNDER "2552"

a. REGIONAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (RMIS): Regional Management Information System is an ongoing scheme which is basically for promoting IT infrastructure in the NEC for effective management of day to day office works. Under this scheme IT work culture within the NEC

have been promoted for effective functioning, planning and execution of different projects. Under this scheme the B.E allocated amount of Rs. 250.00 lakhs has been utilized during 2015-16 for In-house computerisation, e-office automation, networking, etc.

b. STATE REMOTE SENSING APPLICATIONS: The 10th plan on-going Remote Sensing Application/infrastructure schemes have been completed in the State of Nagaland and in completion stage in states of Meghalaya & Tripura. The BE allocated amount of Rs. 400.00 lakhs during 2015-16 under the relevant Major sub Head “2552” has been utilized for on-going schemes and for new projects viz Survey & Large Scale mapping in Nagaland.

c. R&D PROGRAMME (CONSULTANCY, TRAINING, S&T APPLICATION ORIENTED PROGRAMME AND R&D: Science & Technology (S&T) has always been an integral part of the Indian culture. Science and Technology can be the twin tools that would help bring about social equity and economic development to enable North East to join the mainstream of the Indian community. R&D activities would primarily be based on natural resources to boost the socio economic condition of the NER i.e. the rural productivity of the region including Sikkim. The BE allocated amount of Rs.70.00 lakhs during 2015-16 under the relevant Major sub Head “2552’ has been fully utilized for ongoing projects.

d. S&T CELL, NEC - DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES: Science and technology has an important role in any general strategy to address the problems of mitigation and management of the impacts of natural hazards. A concerted action plan to enhance predictive capabilities and preparedness for meeting emergencies arising from floods, cyclones, earthquakes, drought, landslides and avalanches is being drawn up by GOI. Measures are also being undertaken to promote research on natural phenomena that lead to disasters and human activities that aggravate them. This will be with a view to developing practical technological solutions for pre-disaster preparedness, and mitigation and management of post- disaster situations. The BE allocated amount of Rs.50.00 lakhs during 2015-16 under the relevant Major sub Head “2552’ has been fully utilized for ongoing projects on Seismic Vulnerability Assessment of Major Cities in North Eastern India by (NEIST) Former RRL-J, Assam.

e. IT Applications Related Schemes: The BE allocated amount of Rs. 190.00 lakhs during 2015-16 under the relevant Major sub Head “2552’ is being fully utilized for ongoing projects on Computerization of Cadastral Maps in Lunglei District of Mizoram and Strengthening on Geo-Informatic Application for Rural Development (C-GARD) laboratory (NIRD) and for new projects on Research & Development on UAV Technology Nagaland.

f. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR NORTH EASTERN REGION: The BE allocated amount of Rs. 210.00 lakhs during 2015-16 under the relevant Major sub Head “2552’ has been fully utilized for on-going project on On-line Connectivity of Schools with NBoSE(2nd Phase), Nagaland and Computerization of the Examination Data Processing System at the State Public Service Commission, Sikkim and for new project on IT Education 150 schools Mizoram.

g. PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SCIENCE CENTRES, SCIENCE AWARENESS, CAMPAIGN): The BE allocated amount of Rs.190.00 lakhs during 2015-16 under the relevant Major sub Head “2552’ has been utilized for 10 Nos. of S&T related Seminars/ Workshops / Conference etc organized in NER.

UNDER – “3601”

Following Projects taken up for support during financial year 2015-16

- a) IT infrastructure development in schools of Arunachal Pradesh at a total cost of Rs. 860.59 lakh.
- b) Decision Support System (DSS) for sustainable urban development of five selected towns of Arunachal Pradesh using Remote Sensing and GIS” Arunachal Pradesh at a total cost of Rs. 319.284 lakh.
- c) Remote Sensing and GIS based identification of Hazardous industries and development of emergency at a total cost of Rs. 250.15 lakh.

The BE allocated amount of Rs.1400.00 lakhs during 2015-16 under the relevant Major sub Head “3601” has been fully utilized for 11 Nos. of on-going in the state of Arunachal Pradesh - 4, Manipur – 1, Mizoram – 2, Nagaland – 3 and Sikkim – 1 and 5 new project in the state of Arunachal Pradesh – 4 and Mizoram – 1.

3. LIST OF PROJECTS INSPECTED DURING 2015-2016

Sl. No.	List of NEC funded projects inspected	State	Inspection Date	Inspection done by
1.	Development of IT Infrastructure Computerisation and networking for Planning & Coordn Dept.	Nagaland	18.01.2016	E.O. (Seismology)
2.	Remote Sensing Applications.	Nagaland	19.01.2016	E.O. (Seismology)
3.	Upgradation of Nagaland GIS Remote Sensing Infrastructure Development Training & Capacity building division on GIS &Rs Centre Kohima.	Nagaland	19.01.2016	E.O. (Seismology)
4.	High Security Video Conferencing LAN Chief Minister’s Secretariat.	Nagaland	20.01.2016	E.O. (Seismology)
5.	Support for development and Implementation of Computerized Hospital Management & Information System (HIMS) at Civil Hospital Aizawl.	Mizoram	16.02.2016	E.O. (Seismology)
7.	IT Education at 50 schools Meghalaya (sample inspection at 5 schools)	Meghalaya	1.3.2016	E.O. (Seismology)
6.	Procurement of MRI Machine at the Civil Hospital, Shillong.	Meghalaya	08.03.2016	E.O. (Seismology)
8.	IT Education at 50 schools Meghalaya (sample inspection at 3 remote schools)	Meghalaya	10.3.2016	E.O. (Seismology)

4. DETAILS OF CLOSED PROJECTS

Sl. No	Name of the project	Approved Cost	NEC's Share	Sanction Date	Target date of completion	Date of Completion	Remarks, if any
1	MBOSE - E Governancve and online Connectivity	230.30		15-03-10	07-08-12	16-03-2016 Closed	Project completed and final report submitted. UC received on 04/03/2016
2	Remote Sensing Application, Nagaland	110.00	NA	18-03-03	30-03-11	02-11-2015 Closed	Completed at a total cost of Rs. 107.00 lakh only
3	Development of School Info. System at selected High/Higher Secondary schools in Nagaland	212.00	190.80	05-03-12	30-03-13	03-09-2015 Closed	Completed
4	On-line Connectivity of Schools with NBoSE (2nd Phase), Nagaland	224.63	NA	06-03-13	30-03-16	17-09- 2015 Closed	Completed
5	Research work on Studies on the Immunology Efficiency of Muga Silk Worm Antheramea. Assam	18.16	NA	27-03-11	30-03-13	26-11-2015 Closed	Completed
6	1 st Tripura Science Congress	21.80		13-12-2011	30-03-13	10-02-2016 Closed	Completed at a revised cost of Rs. 15.00 lakh only.

5. DETAILS OF NEW PROJECTS SANCTIONED DURING 2015-16 AND FUND RELEASED

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl No	Name of the project	Date of sanction	Cost of the Project	NEC's Share	State's share	Release break-up	
						Date	Amount
	MH-3601						
	ARUNACHAL PRADESH						
1	Installation of CCTV cameras & Infrastructure Development of various Entry check gate of tax.	6/12/2015	273.07	245.76	27.31	6/12/2015	90.00
2	Remote Sensing and GIS based identification of Hazardous industries and development of emergency.	6/12/2015	277.95	250.16	27.79	6/12/2015	100.00
3	IT infrastructure development in schools of Arunachal Pradesh	6/12/2015	956.21	860.589	95.62	6/12/2015	344.00
4	Establishment of NEC Cell in Planning Department, Govt of AP	20/11/2015	73.57	66.213	7.36	11/20/2015	26.48
	MIZORAM						
5	Digital 3D Terrain Mapping and Monitoring of Eight Districts of Mizoram using Geospatial Techniques, Mizoram	18/6/2015	199.10	179.19	19.91	6/18/2015	71.67
	NAGALAND						
6	Computerization of NSCB (Nagaland State Cooperative Bank) on CBS Platform with Financial Inclusion Technology	3/11/2016	196.70	177.03	19.67	3/11/2016	70.80
7	Hazard Risk & Vulnerability Analysis for Eight Districts Headquarters of Mizoram using Remote Sensing and GIS	3/11/2016	219.00	197.10	21.90	3/11/2016	48.31
	TOTAL MH-3601		2195.60				751.26
	MH-2552						
	ASSAM						
8	XXIV Annual Conference of Society of Animal Physiologists of India (SAPI) and	1/8/2016	2.00			1/8/2016	1.50

SI No	Name of the project	Date of sanction	Cost of the Project	NEC's Share	State's share	Release break-up	
						Date	Amount
	National Symposium on "Physiological approaches for Development of Climate Resilient Livestock Farming" (SAPICON-Guwahati)						
9	30th Indian Engineering Congress to be hosted by the Assam State Centre of the Institution of Engineers (India)	3/9/2016	5.00			3/9/2016	5.00
	MEGHALAYA						
10	Global Conference on "Disaster Risk Reduction - Major Initiatives in North East towards Disaster Resilience" at Shillong (FICCI)	10/30/2015	39.00			10/30/2015	31.20
11	6th eNorth East Award Summit 2015" Shillong, Meghalaya.	12/16/2015	10.00			12/16/2015	8.00
12	Sponsorship for participation of NER States on GeoSmart India 2016, (NESAC) Meghalaya	3/8/2016	2.29			3/8/2016	2.29
13	Celebration of National Science Day along with a decade of Journey of Shillong Science Centre at Shillong under NEC Funding	3/18/2016	15.00			3/18/2016	9.26
14	National Seminar on 'e-Governance cybercrime, cyber security & cyber laws: contemporary issues and challenges, NEHU, Shillong	3/18/2016	2.88			3/18/2016	1.75
	MIZORAM						
15	IT Education Programme for 150 Schools in Mizoram	3/17/2016	1108.00			3/17/2016	180.92
	NAGALAND						
16	Survey & large scale	3/17/2016	188.00			3/17/2016	82.80

SI No	Name of the project	Date of sanction	Cost of the Project	NEC's Share	State's share	Release break-up	
						Date	Amount
	mapping of natural resources geomorphology & physical infrastructure of Nagaland for resources management with special emphasis on Agriculture & Allied Sector Development Plan through application of space based technology, Nagaland	6					
17	Research & Development on Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Technology and Application for funding under NEC (Grant-in-aid), Nagaland	3/17/2016	97.50			3/17/2016	60.00
	REGIONAL						
18	When the mountains move and the waters rise: coping with earthquakes and flooding-The Health and Housing Dimensions	3/8/2016	5.00			3/8/2016	5.00
19	Organising the NEC-Pink Chain Cancer Campaign from 23rd to 28th April, 2016	3/18/2016	45.00			3/18/2016	25.00
20	Installation of Access Control System at NEC, Secretariat, Shillong	3/30/2016	163.52			3/30/2016	72.11
	TOTAL MH-2552		1683.19				484.83
	TOTAL-S&T		3878.79				1236.09

G. INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTOR

SECTORAL ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2015-16:

During FY 2015-16, under the IPR Sector of NEC, promotional activities were taken up by participating in the “Highlighting Achievements & Activities of the Ministry of DoNER in the 2nd Vibrant India, 2015 and Meri Delhi Ustav” held at Pitampura Delhi Haat from 31st October to 2nd November, 2015 and the “Destination North East – 2016” event held during 12 – 14, February, 2016 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

An annual event/ festival titled “Songs & Dances of the North East” has been introduced by the NEC during the year under review. The event is funded by the NEC and is to be organized by the State Governments of NE States on rotation basis. The 1st edition was held in New Delhi on 11th April 2015 and the 2nd edition is proposed to be held on Mumbai in 2016. Subsequently, the event will be held in other metro cities of the country. This programme is being organised mainly with a view to create more awareness about the region and bridging any cultural divide that exists between people of the NER and those of other parts of the country.

LIST OF PROJECTS INSPECTED DURING 2015-2016

Sl. No.	List of inspected NEC Project	State	Inspection Date	Inspection done by
	MH-3601			
	ARUNACHAL PRADESH			
1	Extension & Modernization of Galleries of J.N State Museum at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.	Arunachal Pradesh	4.2.2016	Consultant (ME) & Consultant (EE)

LIST OF PRE-INVESTMENT VISIT DURING 2015-16

Sl. No.	List of inspected NEC Project	State	Inspection Date	Inspection done by
	MH-3601			
	ARUNACHAL PRADESH			
1	Protection/Preservation & Infrastructure Development of Archaeological Museum & Monument, Malinithan, Arunachal Pradesh.	Arunachal Pradesh	4.12.2015	Adviser (BIT) & i/c (IPR)

**LIST OF NEW PROJECTS TAKEN UP DURING THE YEAR BOTH FORM CURRENT YEAR PRIORITY LIST
AS WELL AS LAST YEAR'S PRIORITY LIST**

SI No	Name of the project	Date of sanction	Cost of the Project	NEC's Share	State's share	Release break-up	
						Date	Amount
	MH-3601						
	ARUNACHAL PRADESH						
1	Documentation and Digitalization of Cultural heritage of all tribes of Arunachal Pradesh	5.6.2015	250.06	225.05	25.00	5.6.2015	90.00
	MANIPUR						
2	Heritage Protection in Hill and Plain districts of Manipur	5.6.2015	348.94	314.04	34.89	5.6.2015	125.61
	MEGHALAYA						
3	Providing Show Case/ Galleries, Lighting, etc in the New building of Williamson Sangma State Museum, Shillong, Meghalaya	5.6.2015	617.55	555.79	61.75	5.6.2015	220.00
	TOTAL (IPR)		1216.55	1094.88	121.64		435.61

H. EVALUATION & MONITORING SECTOR

The NEC Secretariat strengthened the monitoring and inspection mechanism by appointing on contractual basis Consultants in the fields of Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering and Managerial Economics who are likely to continue to be engaged during the current financial year (2016-17) also.

NEC has started engagement of regional level monitors (RLMs) for monitoring of NEC funded projects. The RLMs are retired Government servants. The empanelment of Regional Level Monitors (RLMs) was initiated during 2013-14 and upto 30th March, 2016, eleven RLMs for Sectors like Agriculture & Animal Husbandry, Road, Power, Irrigation & Flood Control and Industries are already in place at the moment but more are expected to respond to the open-ended empanelment notice that had been put in the NEC website.

As mentioned above, physical inspections of the project are carried out by the Consultants of NEC from time to time. The Evaluation & Monitoring Sector carried out inspection of 47 (forty seven) ongoing projects in different locations of the NE Region during 2015-16. Details are at **Annexure-E**. The inspection reports were then prepared and forwarded to the concerned Sectors in NEC for necessary follow up action.

The list of projects inspected during 2015-16 by E&M Sector (as on 30th March, 2016)

Sl. No.	Name of Projects	State	Sector	Date of Inspection	Inspected By
1	Development of Archery complex at Lathagchan and Indoor Gymnasium for Boxing, Taekwondo, Karate, Wushu at Gangtok, East Sikkim	Sikkim	Sports	19.05.2015	Con (ME)
2	Stadium Flood Lighting at Paljor Stadium and Installation of Electronic LED Score board at Gangtok, East Sikkim	Sikkim	Sports	19.05.2015	Con (ME)
3	Construction of Departmental Building of Science College at Soreng, West Sikkim.	Sikkim	HRD&E	20.05.2015	Con (ME)
4	Creation of Banbas Project Barsey Rhodendron Sanctuary at Hee Bermoik, West Sikkim	Sikkim	Tourism	21.05.2015	Con (ME)
5	Infrastructure Development for Strengthening of Extension and Training Cell for Development of Livestock, Deorali,	Sikkim	Agri & Allied	22.05.2015	Con (ME)
6	Production and Training Centre for Soft Toys at Gangtok,	Sikkim	Industry	22.05.2015	Con (ME)
7	Construction of Approach Road and Security Fencing at IHM, Dimapur	Nagaland	Tourism	11.06.2015	Con (ME)
8	Infrastructure development for pilgrimage destination at Molungyimsen, Mokokchung District, Nagaland	Nagaland	Tourism	12 th & 13 th June, 2015	Con (ME)
9	Construction of School Infrastructure for J.N air Residential School at Yajang, Mokokchung	Nagaland	HRD&E	12.06.2015	Con (ME)
10	C/o of Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at Sanis SDO Hq, Wokha District	Nagaland	Sports	12.06.2015	Con (ME)
11	Metagenomics of gut microflora of herbivorous insects of North East India implicated in cellulose, Meghalaya	Meghalaya	S&T	20.07.2015	Con (ME)
12	IT education programme at 50 schools in Meghalaya	Meghalaya	S&T	20-22 July, 2015	Con (ME)
13	Studies on the Immunomodulatory Efficiency of Muga Silk Worm Antheraea Assam, Guwahati	Assam	S & T	23.07.2015	Con (ME)
14	Mechanization of spawn production and Spawn supply to farmer groups and conversion of spent Mushroom substrate into vermin-compost in North Eastern Region for poverty alleviation in the North East India (IIT, Guwahati)	Assam	Agri & Allied	23.07.2015	Con (ME)
15	Geographical Indication (GI) Registry of 10 products of North East (NERAMAC)	Assam	Agri & Allied	24.07.2015	Con (ME)
16	Upgradation/Replacement of Machineries of the Spinning Unit at Tulsibari, Kamrup District.	Assam	Industry	24.07.2015	Con (ME)
17	Office of Automation of SMELC (Social	Meghalaya	S&T	25.07.2015	Con (ME)

Sl. No.	Name of Projects	State	Sector	Date of Inspection	Inspected By
	Mobilisation Experimentation & Learning Centre) Building at Tura, West Garo Hills	a			
18	C/o basketball Court and Football cum Track & Field Ground at Montfort, Centre for Education, Tura	Meghalaya	Sports	25.07.2015	Con (ME)
19	Utilisation of Plant and Waste Materials of North East India to a value added product: Environment Friendly Technology, Assam	Assam	S & T	27.07.2015	Con (ME)
20	C/o of Goroimari Stadium Ground at Langhin, Karbi Anglong	Assam	Sports	28.07.2015	Con (ME)
21	Duck-cum-Fish Culture for Non-tribal People of the State	Tripura	Agri & Allied	07.09.2015	Con (ME)
22	Construction of 1000 MT Multipurpose Cold Storage at Amarpur	Tripura	Agri & Allied	08.09.2015	Con (ME)
23	Mizoram Infrastructure Information and Monitoring System	Mizoram	S&T	11.09.2015	Con (ME)
24	Construction of Multisports Centre at Muallungthu	Mizoram	Sports	12.09.2015	Con (ME)
25	Construction and Establishment of Sports Centre at Phulpui, Aizawl District	Mizoram	Sports	13.09.2015	Con (ME)
26	Infrastructure Development of Tourism at Tippi under Bhalukpong circle of West Kameng District	Arunachal Pradesh	Tourism	02.11.2015	Con (ME)
27	Establishment of Orange garden at Rantiwa of Mebua-III Village, Sepa Circle of East Kameng District	Arunachal Pradesh	Agri & Allied	03.11.2015	Con (ME)
28	Flood protection work at Dirang township, West Kameng District	Arunachal Pradesh	IFC	04.11.2015	Con (ME)
29	Construction of Covered Public Sitting Gallery at Ground No. 1, Polo, Shillong	Meghalaya	Sports	12-01-2015	Con (CE) & Con (ME)
30	Installation of Floodlight System at J.N. Sports Complex, Pologround, Shillong	Meghalaya	Sports	12-01-2015	Con (CE) & Con (ME)
31	Extension and Modernisation of galleries of J.N. State Museum at Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh	IPR	04-02-2016	Con (CE) & Con (ME)
32	Infrastruction development of government residential school at totpu under Sagalee sub-division, Papumpare district	Arunachal Pradesh	HRD&E	04-02-2016	Con (CE) & Con (ME)
33	Construction of Indoor Stadium at Raga, Lower Subansiri District	Arunachal Pradesh	Sports	05-02-2016	Con (CE) & Con (ME)
34	Cultivation of Orange Garden at Hina Village of Chetam Circle, C.D. Block Giba Upper Subansiri District	Arunachal Pradesh	Agri & Allied	06-02-2016	Con (CE) & Con (ME)
35	Improvement of General Ground with Gallery at Taliha under Upper Subansiri District	Arunachal Pradesh	Sports	07-02-2016	Con (CE) & Con (ME)
36	Compact Area Development on Agriculture &	Arunachal	Agri &	07-02-2016	Con (CE) &

Sl. No.	Name of Projects	State	Sector	Date of Inspection	Inspected By
	Horticulture Sector at chhsing Nyodi and Soko Koro under Magria Village of Chetam circle of upper subansiri	Pradesh	Allied	08-02-2016	Con (ME)
37	Cultivation of Hi-Tech Orange Garden at Lutak area of Gensi Circle of West Siang District	Arunachal Pradesh	Agri & Allied	11-02-2016	Con (CE) & Con (ME)
38	Construction of Football Stadium at Changlang	Arunachal Pradesh	Sports	12-02-2016	Con (CE) & Con (ME)
39	Development of water harvesting pond for Augmentation of irrigation in Nagaland	Nagaland	IFC	1 st & 2 nd March, 2016	Con (CE)
40	Integrated Agri-Horti Development through plantation on cluster basis in Nagaland	Nagaland	Agri & Allied	1 st to 4 th March 2016	Con (ME) & Con (EE)
41	Construction of Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at Pfutsero, Phek	Nagaland	IFC	02/03/2016	Con (CE)
42	Water Shed Treatment for flood mitigation and livelihood in Phek	Nagaland	IFC	2/03/2016 & 04/03/2016	Con (ME), Con (CE) & Con (EE)
43	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme through stream water sources in Japukong Range	Nagaland	IFC & WSM	03-03-2016	Con (ME) & Con (EE)
44	Providing water supply to Akuk old village by pumping in Wokha District, Nagaland	Nagaland	IFC	3/03/2016	Con (CE)
45	Establishment of Blood Bank Shijja Health Care, Langol, Imphal	Manipur	Health	07/03/2016	Con (ME), Con (CE) & Con (EE)
46	Setting up piggery (NERCORMP) project in Ukhrul & Senapati district	Manipur	Agri & Allied	05/03/2015 08/03/2016 09/03/2016 10/03/2016	Con (CE)
47	Development of Floriculture in Manipur	Manipur	Agri & Allied	5 th to 11 th March	Con (ME) & Con (EE)

I. ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Since the last Council Meeting held on 9th & 10th April, 2015, the following Members and Officers joined NEC.

Sl. No	Name of the officer	Name of the post	Date of joining
1	Dr. C.K. Das, IAS (Retd.)	Member, NEC	03.07.2015 (FN)
2	Prof. Gangmumei Kamei	Member, NEC	06.07.2015 (FN)
3	Shri Ram Muivah, IAS	Secretary	10.09.2015 (FN)
4	Shri M.R. Mahapatra	Director of Information and Public Relation	02.03.2016 (FN)
5	Smti M. Langstieh	Assistant Secretary (promoted on ad-hoc basis)	09.06.2015 (FN)

ANNEXURE – IV

PARTICIPANTS DURING THE 65th PLENARY HELD ON 26th & 27th MAY, 2016 AT CONVENTION
CENTRE, PINEWOOD HOTEL, SHILLONG

26th May, 2016

1	Dr. Jitendra Singh	Hon'ble Minister for DoNER (I/C) & Chairman of NEC
Members of the North Eastern Council		
2	Shri J.P. Rajkhowa	Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh
3	Shri Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya	Hon'ble Governor, Assam & Nagaland
4	Shri V. Shanmuganathan	Hon'ble Governor, Manipur & Meghalaya
5	Lt. Gen (Retd.) Nirbhay Sharma	Hon'ble Governor, Mizoram
6	Shri Shriniwas Dadasaheb Patil	Hon''ble Governor, Sikkim
7	Shri Tathagata Roy	Hon'ble Governor, Tripura
8	Shri Kalikho Pul	Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh
9	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal	Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam
10	Shri O. Ibohi Singh	Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur
11	Dr. Mukul Sangma	Hon'ble Chief Minister, Meghalaya
12	Shri Lal Thanhawla	Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mizoram
13	Shri T.R. Zeliang	Hon'ble Chief Minister, Nagaland
14	Shri Pawan Chamling	Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sikkim
15	Shri C.K. Das	Hon'ble Member, NEC
16	Prof. Gangmumei Kamei	Hon'ble Member, NEC
Ministers from Constituent Units		
17	Shri Tapan Chakraborti	Hon'ble Education Minister, Tripura
Representative of the Central Ministries and others		
18	Shri B.P. Pandey	Addl. Secretary, M/o Power
19	Shri P.K. Mishra	Member Secretary, Ministry of Power
20	Shri B. Lyngkhohi	Director, Ministry of Power
21	Shri T. S. C. Bosh	General Manager, Rural Electrification Corporation, M/o Power
22	Shri Sunil Kumar	Executive Director, Rural Electrification Corporation, M/o Power
23	Shri S.D. Dubey	Chairman, Central Electricity Authority , M/o Power
24	Shri Jaideep Singh Bawa	Chief Engineer, Central Electricity Authority, M/o Power
25	Shri A. Patir	General Manager, Power Grid Corporation, M/o Power
26	Shri Naveen Srivastava	Addl. GM, Power Grid Corporation of India, M/o Power
27	Shri Abhay Choudhary	Power Grid Corporation, M/o Power
28	Shri P.C. Pankaj	CMD, NEEPCO
29	Shri S.B. Borgohain	Director, NEEPCO
30	Shri M.S. Jyrwa	Executive Director, NEEPCO, M/o Power
31	Shri Pradeep Kr. Singha	Executive Director, NEEPCO, M/o Power

32	Shri Malcolm D. Roy	Executive Director, NEEPCO
33	Shri Utpal Chakrabarti	CGM/Bg TPP, NTPC Ltd.
34	Dr. B.P. Sharma	Chairman, Pawan Hans Ltd., M/o Civil Aviation
35	Shri R.K. Agrawal	GM (Engg), AAI, M/o Civil Aviation
36	Shri Ram Krishan	Dy. General Manager, Pawan Hans Ltd., M/o Civil Aviation
37	Shri S.P. Yadav	General Manager, AAI, M/o Civil Aviation
38	Shri A.K. Sharma	RED, NER, AAI, M/o Civil Aviation
39	Shri Bala Prasad	Managing Director, TRIFED, M/o Tribal Affairs
40	Shri V.K. Rajawat	Chief Engineer, MoRTH
41	Shri Pawan Kumar	Regional Officer, Guwahati, MoRTH
42	Shri Nitin Jain	DDG, Department of Telecom
43	Shri B.K. Pandey	Economic Adviser, M/o HRD Deptt. Of Higher Education
44	Shri Neeraj Singh	Power Finance Corporation Ltd.
45	Shri Goloke N. Chakravorty	Power Finance Corporation Ltd.
46	Shri A.K. Bansal	Director, IWAI, M/o Shipping
47	Shri U.K. Sahai	Asst. Secretary, IWAI, M/o Shipping
48	Shri Devala Devi Das	Secretary, Handloom Textiles & Sericulture Department
49	Smti Rani Kumudini	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
50	Shri S.S. Nayyar	General Manager, APEDA, M/o Commerce & Industry
51	Shri B.K. Baruah	Assistant General Manager, APEDA, M/o Commerce & Industry
52	Shri D.K. Rabha	Assistant Director, MSME, Shillong
53	Shri E.W. Nongrum	Director (Generation), MeECL
54	Shri T. Passah	Director (Distribution), MePDCL
55	Shri R.G. Rao	Assistant Director (i/c), Br. MSME
56	Shri P.L.N. Raju	Director, North Eastern Space Application Centre (NESAC)
57	Dr. K.K. Sarma	Scientist/ Engineer-SF, NESAC
58	Shri B. P. Muktieh	CMD, NEDFi
59	Shri F.R. Marak	General Manager/OIC, NABARD
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**SPEECHES
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Speech of

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Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), DoNER & Chairman, NEC, Distinguished Members of the North Eastern Council, Officials from the Government of India, N.E.C., State Governments and Friends.

Sir, at the outset, I express my deepest gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for visiting Shillong. It gives me immense pleasure to welcome all the distinguished dignitaries from the Government of India and different States of the North East. The presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister along with his Cabinet colleagues and senior officials of the Central Government indicate the importance which the Government of India attaches to development of the North Eastern States.

1. The State of Meghalaya, as any other North Eastern State, still needs to overcome the challenges of developmental gaps and disparities across all sectors. The North Eastern Council, as per the mandate, have been instrumental in supplementing the developmental initiatives of the States of the North Eastern Region. It was also a conscious and collective decision to truly enable North Eastern Council as a regional planning body of the North Eastern Region enabling it to contribute in the growth story of the nation.

The Master Plan for promotion of tourism in the North East and the Vision 2020 are the outcomes of this mandate. The North Eastern Council, with this mandate, requires adequate budgetary support. The Planning Commission had recommended an approved outlay of Rs. 6, 108.00 crore for the 12th Five Year Plan but the actual release of Rs. 770.00 crore for 2012-13, Rs. 700.00 crore for 2013-14, Rs. 579.00 crore for 2014-15 and Rs 773.00 crore for 2015-16 show a continuous decline in actual release of fund to the North Eastern Council by the Government of India. This has compelled the North Eastern Council to avoid taking up and supporting important projects prioritized by the States to take care of critical developmental gaps.

The allocation for the NEC during 2016-17, is Rs. 800.00 crore which is an increase of only 3.5% over the allocation of 2015-16. Such a meager increase in allocation does not augur well for the region. In 2016-17, the bulk of the outlay is earmarked for Agriculture & Allied Services and Transport & Communication while the allocation for other sectors, including the strategically important ones like Power, Medical & Health, HRD etc is very limited.

North Eastern Council, as a regional planning body for the North East Region, has made substantial investment over the years. The Vision 2020 provides a road map for comprehensive development of North Eastern States. However, this has remained only a wish list in absence of adequate budgetary support. The Government of India, therefore, will require to relook at the fund allocation to the North Eastern Council, if it has to fulfill its mandate for the benefit of the people of the North East.

The Government of India had taken an important policy decision in which all Central Ministries have been asked to spend at least 10 percent of their budgetary allocation for the development of the North Eastern Region and if there is any shortfall, the funds are to be transferred to the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). Over the years, this pool of resources has grown considerably. However, the Ministry of DoNER has been allocated very small amounts out of this pool in their annual budgets. I would, therefore, like to suggest that some of the available funds under this pool may be allocated to the NEC for implementation of inter-sectoral and integrated development plans in various N.E. States, particularly as investments to achieve the goals under Vision 2020.

2. The States of the North East often get deprived of the schemes and programmes of the Government of India due to lack of communication and awareness of such schemes and programmes. I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to suggest that the NEC should henceforth act as an extension of various Ministries of the Government of India and bring out regular bulletins and circulars informing different State Governments about various opportunities and avenues which they can avail of from the Central Government. The NEC may also consider extending necessary technical assistance to the States in preparation of DPRs, effective coordination with various central ministries, gap funding in case of convergence of projects besides independent evaluation and monitoring.

3. The State of Meghalaya is, like other North Eastern States, gifted with abundant natural resources, both renewable and non-renewable. This region is a global hot-spot of bio-diversity. As part of our endeavour to have sustainable development of Meghalaya through greater leveraging of renewable resources, we have launched the State Flagship programme which is the 'Integrated Basin Development and Livelihoods Promotion Programme' (IBDLP). As part of the IBDLP, the State Government has in the recent past taken up several initiatives aimed at effective management of resources mobilization through communities, capacity building of the stakeholders, convergence, strengthening of local governance, gap funding, entrepreneurship development, etc. There has been a paradigm shift in the development strategy and the focus is now on a people-centric and demand-driven approach. As part of this programme, we have set up the Entrepreneurship Facilitation Centres (EFCs) at all Block headquarters and these act as single window enterprise incubation centres by providing universal access to all the citizens. As on date more than one lakh entrepreneurs have registered with EFCs. The NEC may consider extending technical and financial support to the State Government in further accelerating this innovative programme.

4. Economic growth of the North Eastern States and Meghalaya, in particular, is hampered by limited market access. Improving market access and value chain development of products is a vital necessity for effective promotion of enterprises. The State Government acknowledges the support provided by the Central government through Meghalaya Livelihood & Access to Markets Project (Megha-LAMP). Megha-LAMP is a part of the IBDLP and focuses on the development of market access, development of Integrated Village

Cooperative Societies and offering of integrated knowledge services. Currently the programme is being implemented in a few C&RD Blocks and we would like to seek the support of the Government of India to enable the State to enhance its coverage throughout the State.

5. The rich diversity in culture, flora & fauna, landscape, etc of the region is yet to be fully tapped. The region offers huge potential for promotion of eco-tourism, adventure tourism, heritage tourism, etc. With a view to attract foreign and domestic tourists, there is a need for development of tourists circuits so as to encourage tourists to explore different destinations. Being a regional body, the NEC may spearhead development of these tourist circuits.

6. The hilly terrain of the N.E. States poses myriad difficulties in terms of communication and access to citizen services. In view thereof, there is an urgent need for providing necessary infrastructure to enable the use of telemedicine in all the Civil Hospitals, Community Health Centre and Primary Health Centres throughout the region. The NEC is requested to kindly provide necessary knowhow, technical expertise and financial support in this regard.

7. At present, the State of Meghalaya has only one Food Testing Laboratory i.e the Combined Foods and Drugs Laboratory, Pasteur Hill, Shillong which is not sufficient to cater to the needs of the whole State. The space available at the combined Food and Drugs Laboratory is not sufficient enough to house such Laboratory. Thus, there is a need for a separate building infrastructure for Food Testing Laboratory at Shillong. The Consultative Committee Meeting of the Food Safety & Standard Authority of India has suggested that there should be at least one cluster food testing laboratory on the average for every 5 (five) Districts in the Country and one mobile Food Laboratory in each State/Union Territory to cover the remote areas, large public congregations, diseases outbreak etc. Therefore, one more laboratory to cover 5 (five) Districts of Garo Hills at Tura is required to meet the demand for analysis of food samples drawn by the Food Safety Officers of the State and imported food samples drawn by the customs officials and similar other works. NEC may consider extending necessary technical and financial support for this project.

8. The State Government proposes to establish an Open School for children with special needs at Shillong. The open school will cater to the educational needs and vocational training for the people of Meghalaya and other NE States. NEC is requested to support this project.

9. With the recent increase in enthusiasm for sports, there is a need for setting up of one Regional Sports Academy at Shillong. The objective of the Academy is to provide the latest training and practicing facilities to sportspersons from the State as well as from the region as a whole. NEC may consider supporting the proposal.

10. We are yet to resolve the problem of connectivity between the State and the rest of the country. Air connectivity in the State is very poor with only one aircraft operating from the Shillong Airport between Kolkata and Shillong. The service is also erratic and unreliable and moreover the airport caters only to small aircrafts. There is an urgent need for the upgradation and expansion of the Shillong Airport for operations of larger aircrafts. The other airport in the State which is the Baljek Airport in West Garo Hills is, however, yet to see the light of day. In this regard, the Government of India is requested to provide necessary assistance and support for making the Baljek Airport operational.

11. Meghalaya, like other NE States, has a long Inter-State border with Assam and, therefore, there are a number of inter-state roads which are often referred to as orphan roads. The number of such roads taken up earlier from NEC funding has helped the Region. There is a need for a dedicated fund to be placed with the NEC for the inter-state road development programme.

12. The time taken to travel from Shillong to Guwahati has reduced considerably with the four laning of the NH 40 being almost complete for which we are grateful to the Government of India. However, there are certain portions of the road which are yet to be widened such as the approach to Shillong City from Umiam Lake covering a distance of 18Km. NEC may consider supporting this project.

13. The NEC has been funding a number of projects such as roads, power, hospital buildings, stadia and other infrastructures in the NER. In view of the resource crunch, the State Governments are not able to properly maintain these assets. NEC may, therefore, earmark a part of the funds available with it for maintenance of roads.

I would once again convey my gratitude for this opportunity to place some of the important issues faced by my State. I hope that your stay in Shillong will be a pleasant one.

THANK YOU

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Speech of

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Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for DoNER and Chairman, NEC, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Excellencies the Governors, Hon'ble Chief Ministers, Members of the North Eastern Council, officers of the Government of India and of the North Eastern States.

This is the first occasion for me to address a plenary of the North Eastern Council and I express my pleasure in being a part of this conclave of visionary leaders who play a crucial role in determining the course of development of the North Eastern region of India. This 65th Plenary is also very special as the Hon'ble Prime Minister has kindly consented to grace this occasion. It is a great opportunity for all the North East States to present their view points before the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Further, it is a forum where the meeting of minds will aid in formulating better strategies to address the socio-economic needs of the region and help propel it to greater growth and progress.

1. Strategy for Economic Growth:

Meghalaya is basically an agricultural state with almost 80% of its population dependent on agriculture for their livelihood. Similar is the case with the other North East States. Besides major food crops like rice and maize, the state is famous for its oranges (khasi mandarin), pineapple, banana, jackfruit and temperate fruits like plums, peaches and pears. Popular cash crops which are traditionally cultivated include turmeric, ginger, black pepper, cashew, areca nut, betel-vine, tapioca, jute, mesta, mustard and rapeseed. Hence, the potential for agro-based industries in Meghalaya is phenomenal.

The State is also rich in mineral resources and has extensive deposits of coal, limestone, granite, clay and other minerals. The potential areas of investment in the State are:

- Agro & Horticulture Processing Units
- Processing of Plantation Crops
- Tissue Culture and Bio-Technology
- Spices, Oleoresin and other Essential Oils Units
- Animal Husbandry and Meat Processing Industries
- Development of Traditional Handloom & Handicrafts
- Cane/ Bamboo/ Reclaimed Wood based Products
- Electronics & Information Technology
- Mineral based industries

NEC may consider promoting investments in these sectors.

2. Promotion of Traditional Crafts:

Cane & Bamboo works and Handloom weaving are the two important traditional crafts in Meghalaya as well as other States of the North Eastern Region. A coordinated action plan to promote the growth of these crafts is needed. A cluster based approach for generating income and employment in the rural areas with focus on skill upgradation of artisans and weavers, support to improve the quality of equipments used, inputs supply and marketing linkages is necessary. Investments in this area may therefore be considered by the NEC.

3. Air Services & Connectivity:

It is well known that Meghalaya is a land locked State and largely depends on road transport which is prone to natural disasters. The transport sector needs to be diversified to cater to the requirements of trade and business as well as natural calamities and to promote growth in the services sector especially tourism. Currently, the State is poorly connected by Air. A single 50 seater ATR flight operates between Kolkata and Umroi Airport (near Shillong), which is also not very reliable. In this connection, urgent steps for expansion of the Umroi Airport so that it can cater to larger aircrafts need to be taken on priority. Also, the operationalization of the Baljek Airport near Tura needs to be taken up. Construction of helipads in all the district headquarters of the State and in certain identified tourist spots is also required. NEC should plan in such a manner that all the capitals of the North East States are inter-connected by air and they should also have direct connectivity to the national capital, Delhi. Rail and road connectivity in the North East also need to be improved considerably.

4. Development of Tourism:

Meghalaya has a large number of attractive tourism spots. Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya, has rich history. In 1874, it was selected by the British as the capital of the Provincial Government, when Chief Commissionership was created, by carving out the erstwhile Assam from Bengal. In 1921, it became a Governor's province and Shillong became the seat of power of the Governor of Assam. For the Britishers, this area was also a sanatorium, a place to recuperate health. The pristine beauty, the purity of air and the salubrious climate of Shillong attracted such towering personalities as Swami Vivekananda, Rabindranath Tagore, Sri Aurobindo and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Former President,

late Abdul Kalam was also a frequent visitor to Shillong and breathed his last here. If the potentialities of tourism in the State are well tapped, it will increase the inflow of tourists to the State substantially thereby generating revenue for the State and also create lot of employment opportunities. The Integrated Tourism Master Plan prepared by NEC needs to be realigned with the new scheme – Swadesh Darshan of the Government of India which provides for integrated development of theme based tourism circuits. NEC may take necessary steps accordingly.

5. Telecommunications:

In this technology driven age, it is rather lamentable that the State displays a grim picture as far as telecom connectivity is concerned. There are many areas of dark spots throughout the State and frequent failure of connectivity, even on the Shillong-Guwahati Highway. Network overloading, both by BSNL and the private service providers, is also equally to blame. Likewise broadband connectivity remains unsatisfactory. Even some of the district head quarters are not yet connected through this service. Quick provisioning of broadband service will help in the overall progress of the State in terms of the digital India programme, tele-medicine services, long distance learning, virtual class rooms, I.T. centres in rural areas etc. In September, 2014, the Union Cabinet had approved a telecom infrastructure project of Rs. 5,336 crores for implementing a Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for the North Eastern Region (NER). The initiative taken by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Bangladesh in the form of an Agreement in June 2015 provides for International Internet Gateway to North East India through Cox Bazar in Bangladesh. In view of these major developments it is hoped that the telecommunication services in the North East will soon improve.

6. Surface Transport:

Another important issue is the problem of short durability of the existing roads. Being very porous, rain water easily percolates to the base and sub-base courses in spite of provision of 6mm seal coat which is again porous in nature. As such, Meghalaya, being a very high rainfall area, should be allowed to prepare estimates with higher specification of bituminous courses like Bituminous Macadam (B.M.) and Semi-Dense Bituminous Carpeting (SDBC). This point had been taken up earlier but, in response, NEC had expressed certain reservations on this proposal of the State. I am of the view that even if the road length has to be reduced, it is better to opt for longer lasting roads. NEC may like to reconsider the matter.

7. Power Sector:

Meghalaya is home to the wettest place on earth and receives an average annual rainfall in the range of 2400mm- 12000 mm in different regions of the State. This along with the terrain gives immense potential to the State for hydel power generation. The other NE States also have huge potential for power generation. While hydel power potential has been discussed at length in the earlier NEC meetings, thermal power that can also be developed has not received adequate attention. This is, of course, subject to addressing the environmental concerns pointed out by the National Green Tribunal in respect of coal mining in the State. Presently, almost the entire coal mined in Meghalaya moves out of the State through road at considerable cost. It would make more economic sense if power is generated near the coal mines which can then be transmitted to other parts. The coal of Garo Hills having low ash and sulphur content is reported to be particularly suitable for power generation. In order to tap the potential available in the region, the NEC, in consultation with the Power Ministry, may prepare a comprehensive Plan for development of Power in the NE Region.

8. International Border Trade:

Meghalaya shares a long international border of 443 kms with Bangladesh. There are 10 Land Customs Stations on the Indo-Bangladesh border in Meghalaya. There is a need to properly equip all these Border Check Posts with supplementary services like Banking (ATM) facilities and Post Offices. 4 (four) States in the North East viz., Meghalaya, Assam, Tripura and Mizoram share international border with Bangladesh. Strengthening of the Indo-Bangla Trade Relations would ultimately benefit the entire region in a multi-faceted manner. The NEC could take the initiative in this regard.

9. Disaster Management:

Apart from several other measures that need to be taken towards preparation for disaster management, it is desirable to conduct an intensive survey of government buildings, in the first instance, and to assess the requirements of retrofitting, if any, in view of the entire State of Meghalaya being in the high seismic zone. NEC may consider extending necessary technical and financial support to Meghalaya and other NE States in this area.

10. Setting up of School of Planning and Architecture:

The proposal for setting up of the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) at Shillong in line with the SPA, New Delhi is a long-felt need of the NER. The proposed School of Planning and Architecture can be a composite institution embracing a number of

professional courses such as Regional Planning, Urban Planning, Transportation Planning, Urban Design, Housing, Environmental Planning, etc which are job-oriented in nature. Such a professional planning Institute does not exist in the NER. Persons who complete the postgraduate degree can be employed in different companies/ firms or they can even set up their own business. In this matter, the SPA can generate employment and enhance the skills and capabilities of the people. I am informed that a decision to set up a SPA at Shillong was taken in the 57th NEC meeting but has not been acted upon thereafter. It is suggested that this proposal may be revived and implemented.

11. Regional Institute of Environmental Studies:

A proposal for setting up a Regional Institute of Environmental Studies (RIES) at Shillong was also reportedly agreed during the 57th Plenary of the NEC but has not been acted upon. The objective behind this proposal is to have a team of experts, faculty members, and scholars to study and suggest ways and means to tackle environmental degradation, water pollution, air pollution, depletion of natural resources, etc. and to suggest policy measures to address these concerns besides offering professional courses such as B. Tech/ M. Tech (Forestry, B-Tech/M.Tech (Soil Engineering), B.Tech/M.Tech (GIS & RS) and other allied courses. The proposed Institute can generate employment and enhance the skills and capabilities of the people. It can also guide the State Governments in formulation of Concept Papers, Guidelines, Project documents etc. on environment related projects. This proposal may also be revived.

12. Sports:

The youth of North East including Meghalaya have aptitude and talent for sports and games which need to be nurtured in the interest of regional as well as national integration. In order to do this, special attention needs to be given to create adequate sports infrastructure in all the districts of the States NEC may consider preparing a master plan for sports infrastructure in the North East.

13. Perception of the North East:

It is well known that there is some reluctance amongst officials to come and serve in the North East. On the other hand, it has been observed that students from North East studying in other parts of the country face problems of social acceptability due to various factors. This is due to the inadequate social and cultural understanding of the North East in the rest of the country. While this subject matter needs to be addressed holistically. I have 2 (two) suggestions that could be implemented. First suggestion is that sufficient information

on the North East India should be included in the CBSE as well as State Boards school curriculum. In fact, the North East has much potential to contribute to the rest of the country. The relatively egalitarian society of the North East where women enjoy a high social status and the strong community bond of the people which also acts as insurance for the poor and needy is something that needs to be highlighted in the school textbooks. Secondly, there should be frequent exposure of youth and students from the North East in the National media, particularly the visual media in Doordarshan as well as the private channels.

14. Project Sanctions:

It has been observed that there are considerable delays in the implementation of projects of the NEC as well as the DoNER due to delays in technical vetting of estimates and issue of sanctions. It is suggested that suitable technical personnel with adequate powers be placed in the NEC Secretariat for technical approval of both the NEC as well as the DoNER schemes.

Further, as per the NEC's Revised Guidelines, cost of land acquisition is not included in the project. However, it may be mentioned that in most States of the North East, land is predominantly owned by private land owners and has to be acquired by the Government for executing developmental projects. It will be difficult for the States to meet these costs from their own resources. As land is a fixed capital, the NEC may allow the cost of land as one of the components in the projects funded by the NEC.

15. Functioning of the NEC:

The North Eastern Region (NER) Vision 2020 document had estimated that the NER has to grow at an average rate of 12.95% in GSDP and 11.64% in per capita income at 2006-07 prices to catch up with the rest of the country by 2022. This can only be achieved if adequate corresponding investment is made in the NER. The role of the NEC as a regional planner should therefore be backed by adequate resources to address issues that have inter-State and regional ramifications. The current level of annual allocation of Rs. 800 crores for the NEC is not adequate and needs to be increased substantially. Further, to fulfil the role of a catalytic regional planning body, the NEC Secretariat needs to be remodelled in its functioning by equipping it with experts such as regional planners, environmental planners, city planners, transportation planners etc. to make it a more vibrant organization. I propose that the NEC be equipped with such professionals.

Conclusion:

Before concluding, I place on record my gratitude to the Chairman of the NEC for giving me this opportunity to place these observations concerning my State. Since its inception, the NEC has played a crucial role in harnessing the potential of the North Eastern States and I hope that it will continue to shoulder its responsibility with vision and vigour in the years to come.

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Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is a matter of great privilege for me to be addressing this gathering of distinguished leaders, chaired by Honourable Prime Minister, who shares a special affection for the people of the North Eastern region. Let me also congratulate and welcome in our midst, my friend and colleague, the new Chief Minister of Assam Shri Sonowal, who has been given a resounding victory by the people of his state.

Arunachal Pradesh is one of the youngest States of the Indian Union and yet the largest in terms of area in this region. It has a special significance from a strategic standpoint, being at the vanguard of the nation, sharing a long international border with Myanmar, Bhutan and China. It is indeed ironic that we have lagged behind on most socio-economic indicators as compared to the rest of India and even within this region.

Our Government assumed office in the backdrop of profligate spending by the previous regime and we virtually inherited empty coffers. However, we are fully committed to deliver on the promise of transparent governance and fiscal prudence, giving a comprehensive thrust on core areas of infrastructure and human development.

For the people of our state, first and foremost is the challenge of ensuring **robust connectivity**, which is the foundation of all economic activity. It is sad that even after nearly seven decades of Indian independence, the solitary rail connectivity reached Arunachal Pradesh only in 2014. This stands out in stark contrast of what has been achieved across the border by our northern neighbour. It is my humble request to Honourable Prime Minister to help us build a **railway corridor** along the foothills of the state which would go upto the easternmost border. Also, we need to commence goods train services along the Guwahati-Naharlagun, Delhi-Naharlagun and Guwahati-Bhalukpong routes, which is essential for providing forward and backward linkages for the agriculture and horticulture sector which is the mainstay of our livelihoods.

The **Trans Arunachal Highway** will be a great boon for the people of Arunachal Pradesh and we hope for its early completion. At the same time we cannot overlook the significance of building an 1800 km long frontier highway to connect the remotest upper reaches along the border. This will check the rapid migration of people from border areas and is also essential from a strategic perspective. Our Government has recently taken a policy decision to roll back the acquisition rates for these projects, given the importance of infrastructure development in the state.

Road safety is an area of concern in such remote locations and we need to develop trauma centres along the highways and provide advanced life support mobile ambulances to reassure the tourists and visitors about the adequacy of health facilities, given the remoteness of the locations.

Honourable Prime Minister Sir, you have re-energized our engagement with ASEAN under your visionary “Act East Policy”. This can play a transformational role in economic resurgence of the north-eastern region. May I urge you to take up the issue of road construction from Lumla (Arunachal-India) to Tashigang in Bhutan which will not only reduce journey time to Tawang but also substantially shorten the journey from Tawang to Bhutan. Construction of this 15 km stretch of road will be a shining example of the new age friendship between India and Bhutan. We also need to start a dialogue with the new government of Myanmar to make **the Stilwell road** functional for trade. We also need to establish trading outposts including integrated check posts at our border points with Bhutan and Myanmar. Starting of informal **border haats** through Ministry of Commerce would perhaps be a useful first step to build confidence for long terms trade linkages.

Arunachal holds the potential to be the powerhouse of India and the estimated **hydropower** potential is over 57000 MW and yet even now we have barely been able to build less than 500 MW capacity. We are fully committed to re-energize this sector and partner with key Central PSUs for fast tracking all projects. I have already given clear directions to our team for preparing a roadmap for executing all blocked projects. This shall be our contribution for nation building apart from being a major step for improving our own financial health. May I request you to have a high level task force reporting directly to you to help us achieve this ambitious goal.

Arunachal Pradesh is blessed with bountiful natural beauty with a Himalayan topography criss-crossed by mighty roaring rivers and sparkling mountain streams. The state is endowed with several glacial lakes, countless and nameless waterfalls, vivid & diverse flora and fauna. With 26 major tribes and more than 100 sub-tribes, the state is an ethnographic rainbow of tribal cultures. Sadly, the tourist footfall in the state is struggling at just 3 lakhs domestic and 5000 foreign tourist per annum, as of today. Arunachal is truly a paradise unexplored which needs to be explored.

Unknown to most Indians, Arunachal Pradesh is a significant spiritual seat for Buddhism and Hinduism. The 400 years old Gaden Namgyal Monastery at Tawang, the magnificent Golden Pagoda at Tengapani and the Holi Parashuram Kund along the banks of river Lohit are a testimony to the rich cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh. May I request Honourable Prime Minister to include these as part of **religious tourist circuits** of national significance under the PRASAD scheme. Arunachal Pradesh is truly a melting pot representing multiple ethnic identities, each with a distinct cultural ethos, dance and festivals. These festivals and cultural traditions need to be nurtured because they represent the heart of our tribal identity. I would like to request you to consider organizing a “**Festival of tribes**” of Arunachal under the Ministry of Culture, which would be an annual event held in different parts of the state and see the participation of tourists from across the country.

Robust air **connectivity** is a crucial first step for enhanced tourist arrivals. There are seven **airstrips** which are being developed by the Defence Ministry/Airport Authority of India. Land for these airstrips was given free of cost with the understanding that these would be meant for dual use. The airstrips at Pasighat, Tezu, Mechuka, Ziro, Walong, Vijoynagar must be commissioned on priority. May I request your support to ensure that this arrangement is implemented appropriately and these do not become only defence landing sites. I would also request your support to commence private non-scheduled carriers on a PPP basis from Guwahati to improve connectivity. We are perhaps the only state in the north-east and may be the entire country which does not have a functional civilian airport with commercial airline operations. May I seek your support to take up the

airport project for Itanagar within this year which will be your lasting contribution for the people of this state.

I am sorry to inform this august gathering that even in the 21st century, **health security** remains an elusive dream for the people of Arunachal who travel all over the country even for minor ailments. I am grateful that Government of India has agreed to support the establishment of a 500 bedded hospital at Itanagar and a medical college. I would request the assistance of Honourable Prime Minister to convert this into a central Government institution for ensuring that it has sustained quality of operations. May I also request the Prime Minister to consider sanctioning a state paramedical institute which we want to run in partnership with the Art of Living Foundation. This will also be a big step in the **Skill India** initiative. We also need to expand the scope of skill building initiatives in the state especially in the field of tourism and health.

Arunachal produces some of the most exquisite varieties of orchids and fruits such as kiwi. We need support from Government of India to build forward and backward linkages for tapping domestic and export markets. Value addition in **horticulture** and spices such as cardamom would also help generate jobs in the rural farm economy. We have also taken a decision to make Arunachal a completely organic state, drawing from the experience of Sikkim.

Honourable Prime Minister Sir, the high altitude areas are also suited for **animal husbandry** and there is much that we can learn from the cooperative experience of Amul in Gujarat. We would seek your support to usher in a white revolution in the state of Arunachal Pradesh which has huge milk shortages and our farmers will hugely benefit with the additional income this will generate.

Sir, under your visionary leadership, **Jan Dhan Yojana** has ensured that millions of Indians are brought into the banking framework. Unfortunately, in our state, we have barely covered only 1,31,828 of the State's total population and the banking network needs to be strengthened in remote areas. This will not only introduce a culture of thrift but also enable us to progressively move towards direct benefit transfer in most beneficiary oriented schemes. You will be happy to know that we have taken a policy decision to adopt this model for transfer of food subsidy under National Food Security Act in the urban areas as measure of good governance. A linked issue is the coverage of Aadhar in the state where our progress has been slow. May I request you to transfer the work of implementation of **Aadhar** in our state from Registrar General of India to UIDAI for faster coverage.

The people of the north-east have borne a disproportionate burden of suffering on account of terrorism and insurgency both internal and from across the border. The eastern districts of Tirap, Changlang and Longding are still struggling with insurgent groups such as **NSCN** and we need to deal with this problem with a firm hand. We welcome the recent measures for reaching at an enduring solution to this problem and we hope for an early solution. This also requires a major thrust on **modernization of police and training** on anti-insurgency operations for which we would need support of the Central Government. I would request the assistance of Central Government to help us to raise more battalions of India Reserve Battalion.

Honourable Prime Minister Sir, the people of north-east have always had a grudge that the view from Delhi is a distant one. May I request you with all humility that you may give a directive to all Secretaries of key Ministries to personally tour the north-eastern region to understand the challenges of development with empathy. The North Eastern

Council has played a major role in building bridges and the Ministry of DoNER has also now adopted a fresh approach based on decentralized decision making, which we welcome. Perhaps we require greater empowerment of this Council to serve as an effective vehicle for transferring resources and capacities to the north-eastern states.

I have been closely following all your statements and have come to believe that your approach to development is imbued with a spirit of partnership. It is in this approach that we have great faith and hope that our “hidden land” will no longer remain a forgotten land.

Honourable Prime Minister Sir, Under your leadership, we feel that the time has come for us to build bridges of understanding between people of north-east and the rest of India. The people of our state have centuries of welcoming traditions and the aspirations of our youth are the same as those anywhere else in India. We look towards you with great hope and expectation that you will usher in a dramatic change in the paradigm of development in our states. We may be distant from the capital of the nation but in the heart of each tribal citizen of our border state, the flag of India ever flies high.

With these words, I would like to avail this opportunity of thanking each one of you for giving me a very patient hearing. I would also like to avail this opportunity of pledging our full support to the Hon’ble Prime Minister’s aim of making this country strong, safe, prosperous and equitable.

Thank You.

Jai Hind



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Namaskar.

On behalf of people of the Frontier state, I extend heartiest greetings to all the participants. **This is the first occasion for me to attend a Plenary** of the North Eastern Council and I express my great pleasure and pride in being a part of this conclave of visionary leaders who play an important role in determining the course of development of the North Eastern region of India and **graced by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji.** This Plenary is a great opportunity for all the North Eastern States to come together and to introspect the developmental initiatives undertaken in each State. More importantly, it is a forum where the meeting of minds result in formulating better strategies to address the socio-economic needs of the region and help people to achieve growth and progress.

Arunachal Pradesh is one of the youngest States of India and has lagged behind on most socio-economic indicators and developmental parameters as compared to the rest of India and even the north-east region. Even in the 11th Plan, our state has recorded a growth rate of 8.21% which is below the growth rate average of 9.9% recorded by the whole North-eastern region. We are sincerely committed and dedicated to bring about drastic change in the development scenario of our state and to uplift the living standards of our people, for which we would need continued assistance and support of the Government of India and the NEC.

Hon'ble Prime Minister is kindly aware that the strategically located State of Arunachal Pradesh with total area of 83,743 Sq. km falling in high Seismic Zone and faced with unfavourable terrains, including snow-clad mountains, fragile geological conditions, heavy rainfall and consequent landslides, along with 1680 km. international borders with Bhutan, China & Myanmar is seriously handicapped by absolutely poor connectivity with rest of the country by Air, Roads and Railways, not to mention of water connectivity.

As such may I invite your kind attention to some proposals for improving connectivity for expeditious action.

1. Improving the Connectivity :

(a) Road

You all are aware that the state of Arunachal Pradesh has been suffering for decades due to absolutely poor road connectivity, both within the state as well with the other states from North East and the mainland India. Central Government has already taken some bold steps for improving the connectivity through the Trans-Arunachal Highway Project, which is under different stages of implementation by the Border Road Task Force (BRTF), National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL), state PWD, etc.

For the socio-economic development of the state as also the success of the Act East Policy, it will be necessary to improve the road connectivity of my state with the rest of

India and also to improve the connectivity within the state by connecting all the district Headquarters of 20 Districts, ADC Headquarters, EAC Headquarters, Circle Headquarters as also important towns and clusters and villages, through building-up/upgrading existing National Highways and state roads. Similarly the road from Assam border to the twin cities of Itanagar-Naharlagun, which are in terrible shape, need to be maintained and upgraded as per ongoing NH-52, NH-52A, NH-415 up-gradation projects.

For improving road connectivity within the state along international Border areas there is a need for a Frontier Highway connecting all the important centres along the China-India border. The districts are Tawang, West Kameng, East Kameng, Kurung Kumey, Kra Daadi, Upper Subansiri, West Siang, Upper Siang, Dibang Valley, Lower Dibang Valley and Anjaw. I request the Hon'ble Prime Minister to expedite sanction of the project which is presently under consideration of the Cabinet Secretariat.

East-West Industrial Corridor of Arunachal Pradesh should be built as follows: Construction of East-West Industrial Corridor from Bhairabkund (West Kameng District) to Ruksin (East Siang District) via Bhalukpong-Seijusa-Digalmukh-Balihjan-Naharlagun-Kimin-Likabali-Dipa-Nari (431 km), along the Inter-State Border with Assam, at an approximate cost of Rs. 1353.29 crore may be considered for approval. The Trans-Arunachal National Highway from Tawang to Longding shall pass through the mid-belt of the State. However, East-West Industrial Highway is very essential to connect the foothill habitations for future development of demand and resource-based industries in the State and to provide market links for agri-horticultural produce and the rich handloom, handicraft items, trade and commerce, as also needs of the Defence forces.

This road will also immensely facilitate mobilization of manpower and equipments for development of hydropower projects also.

Under the Act East Policy, 12 Nos. of Inter-State roads in SARDP-NE, Phase-B (*Orphaned Road*) as per Annexure-I should be taken up by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways through National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL). Of these one stretch of 27.00 km. of Jagun-Namchik-Miao Road in our State under DoNER Scheme of re-carpeting is under implementation, whereas the 8.00 km. of Assam portion is yet to be developed.

There is an urgent need to take up the Lumla (in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh) to Tashigang (in Bhutan) Road strengthening the border trade between the two countries. Apart from giving an alternate road for the people of Tawang to reach Guwahati and other parts of the country bypassing the treacherous Sela Pass, this road will facilitate trade, tourism and other economic activities between the two countries. The Indian portion of the road from Lumla upto the borders of Bhutan has already been completed and is motorable upto the borders of Bhutan border point (Warongde) on Indian side. A small stretch of 12 Km from Warongde to Khinye (Bhutan) remains to be connected, beyond which the all weather road exists connecting all parts of Bhutan. The distance from Tawang to Guwahati via Samddrudzongkar is 395 Km compared to the normal route, which is about 550 Km and thus a distance of 155 Km could be avoided. I would request the Hon'ble Prime

Minister and the DoNER Minister to take up the matter with the Government of Bhutan on priority.

160 Km of the Historic Stillwel road on Myanmar side should be upgraded as part of “Good Will Mission” under the Act East Policy, as the 61 Km Indian portion has already been developed by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways as NH-153. This would largely facilitate promotion of trade and commerce as also setting up of Industrial Enterprises in the region under the ‘make in India mission’.

From the strategic and Defence point of view, it is felt that special Road Development Schemes may be conceived and implemented by the Govt. of India connecting all the identified centres with the Trans-Arunachal Highway and the proposed Frontier Highway in my State.

(b) Rail:

The people of Arunachal Pradesh are immensely grateful to Hon’ble Prime Minister for connecting Itanagar and Naharlagun with rest of the country by laying new Railway tracks and arranging two trains - Daily Intercity Express to Guwahati and other Weekly AC Express to new Delhi, request for expediting the work on other railway lines from Bhalukpong to Tawang in the West and Murkangselek in Assam to Pasighat in the East. **We also request the Hon’ble Prime Minister to increase the frequency of the daily intercity express to twice a day and the Weekly A.C. Express to atleast thrice a week as per public demand,** with additional coaches including AC first class.

Further all foothills towns and clusters along the Assam-Arunachal border should be connected by Rail links for overall development of the region and in particular for development of trade, commerce, transportation of construction materials, passenger traffic, etc.

The long awaited Rail-cum-Road Bogibeel Bridge requires urgent completion as per revised time line of June 2017, for which a firm date for opening to the public may be announced by the railways.

(c) Air:

Owing to its vastness and tough geographical terrain, Arunachal Pradesh is largely dependent on helicopter services for ferrying passenger to some far-flung districts. Unfortunately after the tragic crash of a Dauphin helicopter operated by Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL), Air service is being run only between Guwahati-Naharlagun and Guwahati-Naharlagun-Guwahati-Tawang by Skyone as PHHL was grounded pending enquiries.

Presently a small Airport at Tezu in the Lohit district approved by DoNER Ministry and sanctioned by the NEC on 10.02.2010 is under construction and scheduled to be commissioned in November, 2017. I would request for expediting completion of this project which would critically serve the far eastern region of the State.

In addition to the proposed Greenfield Airport, the State requires at least 3-4 more Airports for which a request has been made to the Civil Aviation Ministry to select the sites in consultation with the State Government.

The DoNER Ministry is planning to start commercial helicopter service within North Eastern Region to improve intra-regional connectivity. I, my Government and the people of my State Arunachal Pradesh, heartily welcome this timely initiative by you and your team. Concretization of this initiative under a time-frame, will not only address the intra-region connectivity bottlenecks but also promote tourism, inflow of investment, trade and commerce including value addition and export of abundant horticultural products of the region and most importantly in ferrying patients and other people during medical and other emergencies.

Guwahati has well developed Airport with standard infrastructure facilities and good air connectivity; DoNER Ministry have taken the right decision to develop Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport as regional hub for air services in the entire North-east Region. I hope and believe that further steps in this direction including creation of an autonomous corporation/joint sector company to run and manage the proposed 'helicopter services' would be taken, as priority by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and your Ministry, in consultation with all the stakeholder States.

The site for Greenfield Airport at Itanagar-Holongi in Papum Pare district has been finalized by the Civil Aviation Ministry, while there is a long-pending demand to set up the Airport at Karsingsa-Banderdewa which is presently sub-judice. I would request to expedite the decision on the site in consultation with the present State Government and to issue pending clearances for the project and implement it under a time frame by the Airport Authority of India Ltd. on top priority basis. I also suggest that until the time this project is commissioned, reliable air service from the fully developed Airport at Lilabari must be improved on highest priority. The present schedule of Alliance Airline is unsuitable to link flights from New Delhi. Hence, I would like to suggest use of bigger aircraft with direct flight scheduled from Lilabari to Delhi and Delhi to Lilabari, alternately via-Kolkata or Guwahati. Such a step will enhance connectivity immediately.

Apart from a Greenfield Airport at Itanagar, which is under an active consideration of Ministry of Civil Aviation, the State needs urgent upgradation of 26 helipad of State Government in order to meet the standards of DHCA & BCAS, at a cost of about Rs. 52.00 crore Annexure-II. 30 New helipads need to be constructed to provide air connectivity to the border villages having international borders, costing about Rs. 150 crore.

There are 8 (Eight) Advance Landing Grounds (ALGs) at Pasighat, Ziro, Aalo (Along), Tuting, Mechuka, Vijaynagar, Walong and Tawang helipad coming up in the border districts of State of Arunachal Pradesh, of which 3 have already been completed. I call upon this forum to advise the concerned agencies to expedite work of the remaining 5 ALGs in a time bound manner. It is imperative that the infrastructure so created is utilized not only for Defence purpose and carriage of civil passengers and goods, but for ferrying

construction materials for infrastructure development as well. It is suggested that aircraft services be planned simultaneously to avoid any delay in starting the service.

The feasibility of having more ALGs in order to serve all the sensitive border clusters needs to be established in consultation with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh by the Ministry of Defence on priority and actions taken accordingly for establishing those.

In addition to existing Advance Landing Grounds (ALG) which are under upgradation by IAF, one more ALG at Kolariang (Kurung Kumey) may be considered. **The ALGs upgraded by IAF should be used for Defence as well as civilians purposes and permission may be granted to use existing Defence ATC facilities for civilian choppers, including those run by the State Government.**

(d) Water:

Inland waterways have always been the cheapest means of transportation. **The north-east region has many large and small rivers providing facilities for water transport, especially in their plains sections. In Arunachal Pradesh the rivers Siang, Lohit, Dibang, Kameng, Subansiri, Burhi Dihing, Noa Dihing and Tirap are used for navigation by small country boats in those stretches where there are no rapids.** It is estimated that the region has 1800 kms of river routes that can be used by steamers and large country boats using the Brahmaputra and Barak river system.

My State has four stretches of total length of 311 km of waterway. This sector needs to be explored and harnessed. We need to revive the use of waterways- National Waterway 2 running along the Brahmaputra and announced in 1988 is yet to become operational. **These rivers together with the Brahmaputra need to be made navigable throughout the year by regular Dredging operation, for which setting up of North East Dredging Corporation should be considered on priority under NEC or DoNER Ministry, which would also alleviate the recurrent flood and erosion problem. Presently, water connectivity with Arunachal Pradesh using the Brahmaputra has been practically non-existent.**

2. Communication facilities:

I would like to draw your kind attention to the urgent need to improve the telecommunication facilities in Arunachal Pradesh. **The internet and mobile connectivity in State Capital Itanagar in particular and the whole State in general is very erratic and unsatisfactory. Even inside the Raj Bhavan, I have been finding serious mobile connectivity problem, as the link gets disconnected even while talking,** several times every day the calls are disrupted or snapped. BSNL and other service providers may be directed to develop their infrastructure to bring the Connectivity standard to National level. The following deficits in telecommunication will require urgent attention on your part:

- (d) **All India Radio covers only 57% of the area. Doordarshan covers 20% area of the State with 56% population coverage through terrestrial transmission.**
- (e) **There is void in the entire border belt calling for an immediate focus and enhancing their reach even beyond border.** At Bumla Pass on the LoAC along Indo-China border, mobile connectivity is non-existent causing lot of hardships to the Jawans,

who have to travel long distance towards Tawang, for contacting their families or otherwise during difficult situation.

- (f) **Doordarshan through DTH (Direct to Home) transmission can cover 100% population and 100% area of the State. It is important that for reaching every corner of the State, especially the border belt, the DTH sets be made available to the border areas, free of cost.**

I have confidence that the issues will be resolved and the problems addressed satisfactorily.

3. Hydropower:

The total hydropower capacity of the state has been calculated at 57,000 MW but the actual utilization as on date is only 0.82 %. You would be surprised to know that the total installed capacity in the state is only 467 MW, which is expected to increase to about 1100 MW by 2017. Our Government is committed to materialize the dream of making Arunachal Pradesh the Power House of India. Our Government recognizes the fact that development has to be sustainable and people friendly and our approach should be to take all stakeholders along. I would like to request NEC and Ministry of DoNER to help us to identify and implement run of the river off grid projects so as to power the remote administrative headquarters.

I request intervention of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to resolve the impasse on 2000 MW Lower Subansiri Project by addressing the unresolved issues raised by NGOs in Assam, in an amicable manner.

For fast harnessing the hydropower potential of the State, the impasse due to environmental and social issues has to be addressed and as constraint by way of "Basin Studies" is coming up, it would be advisable to execute the "Run of the River Projects" with urgency. **It is also felt necessary to redefine the Hydel Projects into small, medium and large categories by fixing appropriate generating capacity for each category. This in my opinion would allay the general apprehension of the people about Mega Dam Project as any project with installed capacity of above 25 MW is now considered as a large project.**

4. Environment:

I request to transfer the Compensatory Aforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) Fund to the State, for enabling the State Government to implement compensatory afforestation and other programmes related to wildlife and bio-diversity conservation. This will help in providing alternative sources of income and livelihood to the farmers involved in Jhum and Opium cultivation. The funds may retained in a separate corpus and expenditure incurred out of interest accrued.

I request you to set up three battalions of Ecological Task Territorial Army for protecting 68,000 Sq.km. forests and wildlife.

5. Defense/Border Area Development:

Arunachal Pradesh is most crucially and strategically located between three countries; Bhutan in the west, China in the north and Myanmar to the east with the total border of 1680 km. Though Border Area Development Funds (BADP) have been very helpful to fund the gaps in infrastructural requirements, it remains to be understood that Arunachal Pradesh is nearly 84,000 sq. km. large landlocked mountainous terrain with just 17 Person per square km. **The issue of lager scale migration from the remote border areas to the urban areas down south is a major national security concern. We propose that the Ministry of Defence consider setting up Military cantonments in the remote areas near the Sino-Indian border to seed urbanization in the area. This way we can ensure providing urban amenities in remote areas.** Tenga military area for example, nestled in the scenic Tenga valley in West Kameng district is now a bustling township with both military and civilian population. The township has one of the best street lighting, internal road and other modern amenities in the region.

It is necessary to develop infrastructure facility like drinking water, electricity, education, health, fair price shops, grocery stalls etc. in the villages/clusters along the international borders, as without specific facilities of survival & livelihood villages started moving away from the border areas. **A mechanism may be evolved for sharing such facilities of the Indian Army and also those provided by the state Government on complementary basis, for the Army and Civilians.**

6. Relaxation of Height and chest norms for recruitment to the army:

We request you for relaxation in height and chest norms for youths of Arunachal for recruitment in the Army, as done in State Police and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), so as to enable the youth of our State to join the Armed Forces in good number. This is justified as the average height of the adults in Arunachal Pradesh, a 100% hilly State, as also the chest size is much lower than that national average.

7. Exploration of Minerals:

We request the GOI to constitute one Expert group to assist in preparing a Master Plan for exploration of minerals, i.e., coal, petroleum, limestone, dolomite, graphite, quartzite, brine oil, marble, etc for development of the State.

8. Tourism:

Arunachal Pradesh is blessed with bountiful natural beauty with a Himalayan topography ranging from snow peaked mountains to fresh green forest covered mountain ranges, criss-crossed by mighty roaring rivers and sparkling mountain streams. The state is endowed with several glacial lakes, countless and nameless waterfalls, vivid & diverse flora and fauna. With 26 major tribes and more than 100 sub-tribes, the state is an ethnographic rainbow of tribal cultures. Sadly, the tourist footfall in the state is struggling at just 3 lakhs domestic and 5000 foreign tourist per annum, as of today. Arunachal is truly a paradise unexplored which needs to be explored. Ministry of Tourism is already investing a significant amount of funds in the state and for that we are grateful to Hon'ble Prime Minister and Dr. Mahesh Sharma ji, Hon'ble MoS Tourism. **We would like to request**

Government of India to promote our state through all the Indian Missions across the world in important cities and foreign nations. It is intriguing that even a small country such as Thailand in our vicinity is attracting more tourists than all north-eastern states combined. It is time we act fast on the Act East Policy. **As rightly pointed out by Hon'ble Prime Minister, 'Terrorism divides and Tourism unites', we need to connect with the south-east Asian countries through Tourism and tap in the rich economical buzz of the region, although in a sustainable way.**

Also, unknown to most fellow Indians, **Arunachal Pradesh is a significant seat of Buddhism and Hinduism. The 400 years old Ganden Namgyal Lhatse Monastery at Tawang, the magnificent Golden Pagado at Tengapani and the Holi Parashuram Kund along the banks of river Lohit, the Malini Than associated with legend of Sri Krishna and his consort Rukmini, the nature gifted Siva Lingam at Ziro, the legendary Vasudev Rock (temple) near Ruksin, to name a few are testimony to the religious significance of Arunachal Pradesh. Unfortunately, Arunachal Pradesh has not been included in the "National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD)" Scheme. We request the intervention of Hon'ble Prime Minister in giving us our due recognition as part of Buddhist and Hindu heritage. We also need support to develop the infrastructure of the two national parks and twelve wildlife sanctuaries, including good approach roads and road side amenities for the tourists.**

For promoting Arunachal Pradesh as Tourism hub under the Act East Policy (AEP), which has high potential in all areas - cultural, spiritual, adventure, sports, ecological etc, Central Government is urged to sanction and implement appropriate projects.

9. Agriculture and Horticulture:

The State with suitable climatic and soil conditions has potential in high value medicinal & Aromatic plants, Floriculture, fruit produce like apple, kiwi, orange, grapes, walnut etc. Rare medicinal plants of the State will be permanently extinct if their conservation and cultivation are not taken up. There is need for Research & Development intervention in promoting and developing cultivation technology of indigenous and rare medicinal plants of the State. Emphasis should also be put on setting up of Agro & Horticulture Processing Unit in the State. **Support from the NEC and the Central Government would be required for setting up of cold storage infrastructure and processing facilities to provide livelihood and for exporting the horticultural products.**

10. Organic State;

The fertilizer utilization in our State is less than 15%. Most parts of the State are already organic by default. Our staple crops, vegetables and fruits are being grown in a very pristine environment. We also plan to go organic on the same lines as Sikkim. **We hope, Hon'ble Prime Minister would bless this novel initiative of our Government by including Arunachal Pradesh in the Organic Mission.** Ministry of DoNER is reviving its North Eastern Regional Agriculture Marketing Corporation Ltd. (NERAMAC) and our State Government will

take full advantage of this initiative. NERAMAC will help us to market our Agriculture, Horticulture and Floriculture products in far off markets in major cities across India.

In view of high potential in Agri-Horticulture, we urge upon the Prime Minister, to declare Arunachal Pradesh as Organic farming State under the Organic farming Mission of the Prime Minister.

11. Health:

The health service scenario in the state is dismal. The condition of our hospitals and health centres is simply unacceptable for a great nation that sends spacecrafts to the Moon and the Mars. As expected, with the dismal health care services, the health indicators of the state are devastatingly haywire. Our Government has taken up an ambitious plan to revamp and overhaul the health service in the state by organizing the medical institutions as per Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS).

We would request NEC to augment our efforts by helping us to set up state of the art hospitals in major district headquarters and superspeciality hospital, such as eye hospitals, Liver and biliary science hospitals, chest and lung disease hospitals, etc.

12. Human Resource and Skill Development:

Skill development is special focus area for Government. **We are very appreciative of the Central Governments Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) which is an outcome based skill training centre.** The problem with our state is the lack of opportunities and therefore simply creating employable population of youths will not be enough. We have to create opportunities for them. **NEC may consider a scheme for our State to finance the setting up of Vocational Training Providers in the state.** Under the Skill Development Initiative, the State Government has trained 9914 people from the state. **Due to the unavailability of Vocational Training Providers in the State and in the North-east region, we had to send most of our students to far off cities such as Delhi and Mumbai. Unfortunately, despite successful placement, more than 80% of the trained people returned back to the State.** From this experience, it has become evident that skill development program will need to be augmented by handholding especially for our tribal youths. **Government of India may like to consider setting up working men's and women's hostels in major cities across the nation especially for north-eastern youths.**

NEC in association with our Government may come up with a subsidy scheme to attract service industries to invest and set up centres in Arunachal Pradesh so that our Youths can get employment.

13. Culture Bridge:

We appreciate the DoNER Ministry's initiative to organize 27th May every year as Uttar Poorvi Kshetra Vikas Diwas. I would suggest that this event should be celebrated across all metropolitan cities and other major cities across India so as to spread awareness about the north-eastern culture, the tribal handloom and handicrafts, the culinary practices by organizing various activities such as 'run for North-east', exhibition-cum-display of

produce of North-East region, workshops and seminars on development. Government of Arunachal Pradesh has already conveyed its intention to be formally associated with the 27th May celebration every year as Uttar Poorvi Kshetra Vikas Diwas.

14. Institutional Support:

My state requires infrastructure Support from the NEC and DoNER Ministry for setting up one Regional Centre of Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) for Skill Development of the unemployed youth of the State. We also request the Hon'ble Prime Minister to sanction adequate amount from Skill Development Fund of Government of India for facilitating training of the youth in trade and vocational courses which have high employment potential. **We also request for setting of North Eastern Institute of Food Processing Technology (NEIFPT) as regional institute.** In Ruksin in East Siang District an adequate area is available in the industrial area which is about 10 km from the NH-32 and about 30 km ahead of Pasighat which is being considered under the smart city project.

We also propose that a North East Institute of Road Research and Development in the model of Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee and CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), New Delhi is an urgent necessity considering the volatile soil conditions besides being a high Seismic Zone-V in Arunachal Pradesh, and heavy rainfall causing landslides and even collapse of roads resulting in disruption of fragile road communication in most parts of the State.

15. NLCPR Allocation:

The committed liability of the Ministry of DoNER against Arunachal Pradesh is around Rs. 7313 lakhs as on date. In addition to this, the retained but not sanctioned project amounts to Rs. 63,754.00 lakhs. We have been told that Ministry of DoNER will unilaterally cancel all retained projects submitted before 2012-13. But this will go against the Central Government declared policy of speeding up development of the North-eastern region. Rather than curtailing any project, Central Government should either consider increasing the allocation under NLCPR or the allocation for NEC may be increased so as to take up the backlog of retained NLCPR projects under NEC funding.

16. NLCPR Central:

Arunachal Pradesh is faced with insurmountable developmental challenges which we hope and expect to overcome with funding from Central Government assistance. I am sure we will have more opportunity to address our problem through the instrument of NLCPR Central funds. Under this, we plan to take up crucial projects such as the Naharlagun Medical College and Paramedical College in the State.

17. One Size Fits All approach to be discouraged:

In many instances the Ministry of DoNER unilaterally and arbitrarily cuts down the project cost without consulting the State Government agencies. We are against 'one size fits all approach' policy. Arunachal Pradesh is 83,743 sq. km. of inhospitable hilly terrain and the cost of transportation of materials and construction cost cannot be compared with

other States of India. Also, due to adverse climatic conditions, the working season is short leading to undue delay in completion of projects.

18. One Time Special Financial Assistance:

Despite generous funding by the Central Government, the new State Government had to burden tremendous financial liabilities of the past due to mismanagement. The Committed liability at the time the present Government took over in February 2016 was a **whooping Rs. 1406.85 crore.**

In addition the State Government also had to clear all previously pending SSA and NRHM salary and wages from state's own resources in view of delay in release from Central Government. The State Government also cleared long pending MR bills, Student's stipends and National Pension funds. **The current State Government had to do hard and tedious fiscal management to prevent overdraft and there was no overdraft in FY 2015-16 as against overdraft of more than Rs. 500.00 crore in previous 2 years successively.**

Share of central taxes increased from 0.32 p.c. during TFC to 1.37 p.c. during FFC, **this positive development has been negated by the fact that 16 CSSs have been delinked.** If the whole transition is examined in totality, it can be observed that the financial gain in case of Arunachal Pradesh, like other Special Category States which are mostly resource crunched is not so much as compared to other General Category States. **This is mainly due to fact that the allocation like Normal Central Assistance (NCA), Special Central Assistance (SCA), Special Plan Assistance (SPA) and few CSSs which have been delinked from the Plan allocation used to constitute a major portion (above 40%) of the total Central Assistance to the State during 2014-15.**

Thus increase in the funding pattern has not been actually beneficial to the Special Category States to the extent it has benefited the General Category States. Hence SPA, SCA, ACA may be continued or a onetime grant has to be given to Arunachal Pradesh. Also, State Government has had to bear the financial burden of all delinked CSS, putting a heavy strain on the meager sources of the State. For example, the committed liability for PIDDC alone is nearly Rs. 200 crore. Committed liability under SPA is around Rs. 400 crore. **Through this platform, we request Hon'ble Prime Minister to kindly consider giving the State Government a lump-sum one time financial assistance to tide over the situation.**

19. NEC-Enhancement of Budget Provision:

NEC has proposed to enhance its budget from present level of Rs. 800 crore to atleast Rs. 2000 crore annually from 2016-17 onwards. We strongly support this proposal considering that the present allocation is very low for implementation of various developmental projects of strategic importance in eight States, including setting up of Regional Institutes for capacity building in different areas. Even if an average of Rs. 500 crore is to be considered for each state an amount of Rs. 4000 crore appear justified. **So we request Hon'ble Prime Minister to get the proposal examined considering the backwardness of the region and take a favorable decision on this subject. We also request**

for urgent release of the balance amount payable to NEC by way of Non Lapsable Central Pool Resources (NLCPR) pending since 1998-99 onwards which is about Rs. 15000 crore.

20. Finally, in view of the delays involved in routing, processing and approving proposals of even small amount, submitted by Govt. department, Institutions, NGOs, SHGs, individuals etc., I suggest that upto project cost of about Rs. 20 lakh or so, direct submission of proposal to the NEC without routing through the State Govt. may be allowed.

Thank you very much for giving me a patient hearing.

Jai Hind, Jai Bharat.

LIST OF ORPHAN ROADS PROPOSED UNDER SARDP-NE-PHASE – B

Sl. No.	Name of Road	Length (km)	Description of importance	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1	Mirem-Mikong-Jonai Road	16.83	The road has interstate ramification between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. Starting from Mirem in Arunachal Pradesh, the road terminates at NH-52 at Jonai in Assam from where ferry services are also available for crossing Brahmaputra river, which is one and only means of shortest communication to Dibrugarh town (in Assam) for the people of this remote areas. This project was originally included in the 11 th Plan, however, could not be taken up due to paucity of funds.	
2	Jote-Balijan Road	47.00	This road will provide interstate connectivity from Arunachal Pradesh to Assam. The portion of the road from Itanagar to Jote had already been completed under NEC. This proposed road will form a portion of inter district road connecting the state capital and the East Kameng District upto the Seijosa Circle HQ passing through 36 Nos of villages of highly potential of cultivation land and agro-based products. Seijosa is also a place of high potentials for tourist due to the Pakke wildlife sanctuary and other natural beauty. This project was originally included in the 11 th Plan, however, could not be taken up due to paucity of funds.	
3	Mebo-Dhola Road	37.50	This road will provided interstate connectivity from Arunachal Pradesh to Assam. The roads takes off from NH-52 at Mebo and terminated at Gadum Tinali on Dambuk-Paglam road. This road was connected as an ordinary village road in the early fifties mainly to connect Mebo with Dhola in Assam. The road is presently an ODR as this road connecting East Siang District with Lower Dibang Valley District and Dhola in Assam. This road is also an interstate road as this road is only means of connectivity for the people of Mebo area with the places like Dhola, Tinsukia, Dibrugarh etc. in Assam.	
4	Deomali-Margherita Road	16.06	This is an interstate road between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. The road under proposal is connecting Deomali, an administrative sub-division headquarter in Tirap District of Arunachal Pradesh and Margherita, also an administrative centre in Assam with a distance of nearly 46.00 km. Out of which 16.06 km falls	

			in Arunachal Pradesh and remaining portion passes through the territory of Assam.	
5	Longding-Bimlapur Road	44.00	This is an interstate road between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. This road connects Longding town District HQ of new created Longding District of new created Longding District with Bimlapur, Duliajan, Digboi, Tinsukia, and Dibrugarh, commercial centres as Assam. This road is located in the remote part of Arunachal Pradesh. This area is very rich in agriculture and forest products. This road is also strategically important for movement of Defence forces, since the road is closer to the Border of Myanmar.	
6	Jagun-Namchik-Miao Road.	27.00	This is an interstate road between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam from Jagun to Miao. This road connects Miao EAC HQ with the ADC HQ at Jairampur. Duliajan, Digboi, Tinsukia and Dibrugarh are commercial centre of Assam. These areas are very rich in agriculture and forest products. This road is also strategically important for movement of Defence Forces to Vijaynagar. Since, the road is closer to the Border is to the Myanmar.	27.00 km of Jagun-Namchik-Miao Road in our State under DoNER Scheme of re-carpeting is under implementation, whereas the 8.00 km of Assam portion is yet to be developed.
7	Laimekhuri-Tene-Koyu road	60.00	This road will provide interstate connectivity from Arunachal Pradesh to Assam. This road also connect NH-52 originating at Assam and passing through.	
8	Digaru-Sunpura Road	10.00	This is an interstate road between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. This road connects District HQ of Lohit with Islampur at Shantipur in Assam. This area is very rich in agriculture and horticulture products. This road is also strategically important for movement of Defence Forces to Anjaw District. Since, the road is closer to the Border of China.	
9	Bomjir to Paglam Road	49.50	This is an interstate road between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. This road connects District HQ of Lower Dibang Valley (Roing) with Dhola in Assam. Tinsukia and Dibrugarh are the commercial centre of Assam. This road is located in the remote part of Arunachal Pradesh. This area is very rich in agriculture and horticulture products.	
10	Diomara to Tenga Road in West Kameng District	98.00	This is an interstate road between West Kameng District in Arunachal Pradesh and Udalguri district in Assam. This road alignment passes through hilly terrain in the Arunachal Pradesh. Tenga is the base camp of Army in between Tawang and Tezpur. For Defence movement this road is shortest for movement of heavy Machinery to International Border.	
11	Doimukh to	6.00	This is an interstate road between Arunachal	

	Harmuti Road		Pradesh and Assam. This road connect Doimukh town. This is an alternative road of NH-52A.	
12	Kanubari to Ringpong Road	30.00	This is an interstate road between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. This road connects Longding town, the District HQ of newly created Longding district with Kanubari, Duliajan, Digboi, Tinsukia and Dibrugarh, commercial centres of Assam. This road is located in the remote part of the Arunachal Pradesh. This area is very rich in agriculture and forest products. This road is also strategically important for movement of Defence Forces, since the road is closer to the Border of Myanmar.	
	Total -	441.89		

LIST OF 26 (TWENTY SIX) HELIPADS

Sl. No	Name of helipad	District	Remarks
1.	Lumia (Temporary)	Tawang	
2.	Tawang (Permanent)	Tawang	
3.	Bomdila (Temporary)	West Kameng	
4.	Dirang (Temporary)	West Kameng	
5.	Seppa (Temporary)	East Kameng	
6.	Koloriang (Temporary)	KurungKumey	
7.	Ziro (Permanent)	Lower Subansiri	
8.	Daporijo (Temporary)	Upper Subansiri	
9.	Pasighat (Permanent)	East Siang	
10.	Mechukha (Temporary)	West Siang	
11.	Aalo (Temporary)	West Siang	
12.	Yingkiong (Temporary)	Upper Siang	
13.	Tuting (Temporary)	Upper Siang	
14.	Singa (Temporary)	Upper Siang	
15.	Roing (Temporary)	Lower Dibang Valley	
16.	Dambuk (Temporary)	Lower Dibang Valley	
17.	Anini (Temporary)	Dibang Valley	
18.	Tezu (Temporary)	Lohit	
19.	Hayuliang (Temporary)	Anjaw	
20.	Namsai (Temporary)	Namsai	
21.	Changlang (Temporary)	Changlang	
22.	Miao (Temporary)	Changlang	
23.	Vijaynagar (Temporary)	Changlang	
24.	Khonsa (Temporary)	Tirap	
25.	Longding (Temporary)	Longding	
26.	Naharlagun (Permanent)	Papum Pare	



**65th PLENARY MEETING OF THE
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**SPEECH OF
SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL
CHIEF MINISTER, ASSAM**

26th to 27th May, 2016
Shillong

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India; the Chairman, North Eastern Council (NEC) and Union Minister of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER); Your Excellencies, the Governors of North Eastern States, my colleague Chief Ministers, distinguished Members of the NEC, Officials of the Govt. of India and North Eastern States, esteemed ladies and gentlemen.

1. I am privileged to take part in this august gathering on the occasion of the 65th Plenary of North Eastern Council. As you are aware, my Government has taken the oath of office just two days back in Guwahati and we were honored by the presence of our Prime Minister and many of the esteemed dignitaries who are present here today. As we start our term of governance, I seek your kind cooperation as well as your good wishes. Let me assure you that Assam as the largest state in the North East and as the gateway to all the other states will be at the forefront of all regional initiatives which will help in the overall development of our vibrant region.

2. The importance given by Hon'ble PM to the region needs no mention. It is for the first time that the Prime Minister of this country has asked all his Council of Ministers to visit North East atleast once every fortnight. This reflects the Hon'ble PM's commitment to the development of North East. He has also called the region as "Ashtha Lakshmi" and an important in terms of VAASTU stating that the development of the country is linked to the development of this strategically located region. We all have to work to make this a reality.

3. I, in last three days of assuming office as CM of Assam have observed that we have not taken full benefits of the schemes announced by Hon'ble PM. I would like to touch upon a few of those schemes and I feel NEC should help the states of this region to draw the benefits of these.

4. The remoteness of the NER is considered a big hindrance for development. But this can be addressed by making Digital India programme of the Hon'ble PM as the main plank for development in the NER.

We are also considered laggard in use of technology. Hon'ble PM has been emphasizing on use of technology in addressing development challenges. NEC has contributed by way of establishing of institutes like NESAC (North Eastern Space Application Centre) in this direction. We must emphasize on creating more such institutes in the region.

Assam Vision Document 2016-2025:

5. As I mentioned in my Foreword to the Assam Vision Document 2016-2025 released by my Party prior to the recent elections, Assam has so far been projected before the outer world as a state overridden with problems. Contrary to this my Government identifies

Assam as a state full of potential and abundance. My Government will apply the world's latest technologies and management techniques to ensure full utilization of such elements. The development of human resources is also equally important as the development of natural resources and there has to be good coordination between them to bring about the desired level of development.

6. As you are all aware, the geographical structure of Assam is very diverse. The two valleys and the intermediate mountain range have added a rare natural splendour to Assam. My Government will remain ever committed for simultaneous development of Brahmaputra Valley, Barak Valley and the two Hill Districts of the state.

7. At the same time, Assam has become a frontline state of the Indian Union after independence and people of Assam feel proud to be the citizens of the largest democracy of the world. Today, the residents of the Brahmaputra valley, the Barak valley and the hill districts have a brand of patriotism and a proud identity as Indian citizens residing in Assam. The patriotism of the people of Assam derives inspiration from historical icons like Saint Sankaradeva, Swami Vivekananda, Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore and many others who contributed a lot towards building the Indian nationalism and the Indian nation state.

8. In our Vision document, we have identified the sector wise goals to be achieved. In this journey, the support of the North Eastern Council (NEC) is vital. I am aware that since its inception in 1972, the Council has focused on the development of this region taking into account its uniqueness and its special needs. This meeting assumes significance, as this is an opportunity for all of us to decide our development strategies as well as the role of the NEC in this journey for the years to come. At the same time, we must avail this opportunity to express our difficulties and aspirations and identify appropriate solutions for the same.

Mandate of NEC:

9. The North East Council was contemplated as an advisory body to discuss any matter in which the North Eastern States have a common interest and advise the Central Government as to the action to be taken on any such matter. This has been done so as to take care of the economic and social planning of these states, as well as to provide mediation in the event of inter-State disputes. The people of the North East Region (NER) want faster economic development as well as social and cultural progress. They want to be ready to engage with global economy. However, the gap between the NER and the rest of the country in terms of various development indices, productivity and the capacity of people and institutions remains large and in some ways seems to be growing. NEC's main mandate

was to bridge this gap and help the people to meet their aspirations. The NITI Aayog has been emphasizing the need for developing and strengthening regional bodies for having focused development of the regions of the country. The North East region has been fortunate in having an existing mechanism for regional development in the form of North Eastern Council. We need to strengthen the administrative arrangements and institutional structures of NEC so that this mandate of bridging the development gaps in the region can be achieved.

10. I would like to suggest that a body of experts be tasked with looking into the issues such as the structure, mandate, financing and role of NEC in these changed times and report to the Honorable Prime Minister through the Minister of DoNER about the fundamental reforms that are required.

Sectoral Priorities and Funding of the NEC:

11. I feel that the role of public investment is important to accelerate growth of the NER as scope of private investment in huge infrastructure projects in a backward region may be limited. The successful transformation of public investment into positive development outcomes requires variety of strategies. The North Eastern Council has focused its attention in sectors such as Transport and Communication, Health, Energy and Power, Agriculture and Allied sectors, Industries, Tourism, Irrigation and Flood Control, Science and Technology and Human Resources Development. These sectors are critical in nature and the emphasis on the identified thrust areas of development should be continued in future as well.

12. However, what is of great concern is the gradual decline of the NEC's role and importance in the process of development over the period of its existence. The approved outlay for NEC of Rs.6108 crore during 12th Five Year Plan was lower than the approved outlay of 11th Plan of Rs.7394.00 crore. Even against the approved outlay of Rs. 6108 crore of 12th Five Year Plan, the total of annual allocations to NEC for the four financial years (2012-13 to 2015-16) has been Rs. 2822 crore leaving a balance of Rs. 3286 crore for the final year (2016-17) of the 12th FYP.

13. Assam supports enhancement of the allocation for NEC and a rational distribution of funds among the states of the region on a clearly laid out criteria. It should be the collective endeavor of all NER States to secure additional fund for development of the region and I am happy that Honorable Prime Minister is here when I am making this point. I believe that a decision for higher funding is essential, if we have to move rapidly and grow at the same rate as the rest of the nation. At the same time, I will agree that the pace of project

implementation has to be picked up. The fact that there are a number of incomplete projects in Assam has been briefed to me and I will take measures to speed up implementation.

Assam and the NEC:

14. We are all aware that partition sealed the NER by closing land and sea routes essential for trade and commerce. In addition, in Assam, the inability to control flood and river bank erosion has caused unmitigated damage to the nascent infrastructure. The difficult terrain and inadequacy of state resources (through Assam was 5th most prosperous state of pre-independence) resulted in Special Category Status being given to the NER. The categorization of the states of this Region for the continuance of central assistance for all development activities at a higher proportion is necessary. Further, the funding for NEC/NLCPR projects should be on a 100 percent basis.

15. Assam is the largest state in the NE Region having 30 percent of land area and 68 percent of total population of the Region. Assam being geo-strategically located within the North East and Guwahati being the gateway of the NER has certain implications for the projects being taken up in the state. The point is that all the North Eastern states will receive the benefits, directly or indirectly from the existing infrastructure and other facilities in most places of Assam and especially in Guwahati. Thus any development project taken up in Assam would as a natural corollary ensure that the benefits accrue to other states as well. Such projects which have interstate implications should be given higher priority for funding through NEC.

16. A major issue with many projects is the precondition that land should be made available by the State Government. With increasing pressure on land, it is becoming difficult for the state to fulfill this criterion by making available government land. Further, government land may not be available at suitable locations. NEC should allow incorporating the land cost in the DPR for acquiring project land in case of certain categories of projects.

17. A large number of assets have been created in the states through NEC funding but there is a problem regarding their maintenance. It is extremely difficult for a revenue-poor state like Assam to maintain these assets. At present the practice is to immediately transfer the project to the state governments who find it difficult to make immediate provisions for maintaining the infrastructure created. NEC should provide the provision of five year maintenance fund to each member state. This provision for maintenance will provide necessary cushion to the state governments to take over the project gradually.

The Grant and Loan Sharing ration between the Centre and Assam in Externally Aided Projects:

18. The existing pattern of releasing assistance to Assam and other States in NE Region and Sikkim under Externally Aided Projects (EAP) is in the grant: loan ration of 90:10. This was done in view of serious deficit in physical and social infrastructure sectors in these States and the stream of funding from EAPs was identified as an important source to reduce the deficit and also strengthen the capacities of the implementing institutes in the Government.

19. It is now given to understand that this provision is being reviewed by the Ministry of Finance to change the pattern in such a way that the States need to share more proportion of loan compared to the existing 90:10 pattern. In such case, this would put enormous burden on Assam. Secondly, the State Government is now planning to take series of projects under EAP covering critical sectors like power, inland waterways, roads, river bank management and agribusiness. It is, therefore, earnestly requested that the existing ration of Grant and Loan of 90:10 may be continued.

Act East Policy (AEP):

20. Prior to India's independence, the NER had access to markets spanning the countries of South East Asia, China and Bhutan. With the dawn of independence, all these traditional markets were lost. There is renewed hope in the regional cooperation initiatives with our neighboring fast growing economies. The AEP has created an enabling environment to break the landlocked logjam of the NER by opening it to the markets of neighboring countries. There is scope to establish joint venture enterprises and bring cross border investments for encouraging commerce and tourism. Closer links with South East Asia and Bangladesh seems to have substantially benefited the states in other parts of India but not the NER.

21. Significant and fast initiatives will be required to unplug the natural transportation networks through the sea, inland waterways and land routes. The border check posts and land customs stations should be upgraded on priority to provide alternative routes for trade. The Asian Highway links, Asian Railway Network and Natural Gas Pipeline Grid Projects will play significant role to make AEP a reality. There is urgent need to promote interaction with neighboring countries through Sports, Music, Tourism and other cultural activities to make AEP beneficial/meaningful to the Region.

22. I would now to flag certain important issues in different sectors of the economy of the State.

Agriculture and Allied Sector:

23. Agriculture & Allied Sector growth in Assam has shown progress. Mechanism, assured irrigation, rise in fertilizer consumption, use of HYV (High Yielding Variety) seeds and soil treatment are the priority areas being given focus in the state. As in many other parts of the country, agriculture continues to be the major employer of the state. However, we need to lay even greater emphasis on Agriculture growth and acceleration in Horticulture, Floriculture, Spices and Organic Farming along with creation of adequate nonfarm activities. The Agricultural policy of the state needs a complete overhaul right from changes in the traditional cropping pattern to extension services and marketing. We suggest that Govt. of India may frame a special Agricultural Policy for NER in the line of the NEIP so that private parties can play a bigger role in this sector.

24. Of late Governments across the globe have been expressing concerns on the climate change front. North East is a biologically diverse and sensitive area and we shall have to consciously lay focus on environment friendly mechanisms in agriculture. These can include covering cultivable land by green crops throughout the year to arrest global warming caused by carbon-dioxide, sustainable management of natural water resources, emphasis on waste management to produce organic compost for application in the Agriculture sector and emphasis on organic cultivation. We are also committed to Govt. of India's Vision for making North East an organic hub of Asia.

25. NEC can play a vital role in development of environmentally sustainable agricultural practices in the region. It may further assist in creation of rural infrastructure including roads, warehouses, cold storages and markets. Assam is hit by floods annually leading to siltation of precious farm land and NEC may assist in desiltation of such agricultural land.

Transport & Communication:

26. Due to non availability of transit facility in terms of road and railways, the time and cost for movement of passengers and goods from N.E region to other parts of the country is extremely high. Therefore, NEC has to lay due emphasis in improving the infrastructure in terms of road, railway and air connectivity both within the N.E region and with other parts of the country. In view of low annual plan allocation during 12th Five Year Plan no new road projects have been taken up by NEC though the working group has recommended 3659 Km of road at an estimated cost of Rs. 7282 crore to be funded during 12th FYP. It is welcome that NEC has taken up initiative for rehabilitation of all earlier road projects instead of taking up new road projects. The Govt. of Assam has submitted 11 proposals covering 124.46 Kms

of roads for rehabilitation under North East Road Sector Development Schemes (Orphan Roads) with a total estimated cost of Rs. 143.23 crore. NEC is requested to consider these positively at the earliest.

Health:

27. The North East Region has a constraint in medical infrastructure especially in area of super-specialty services and cancer treatment. A large number of people of the region are forced to go outside the state for advance treatment of Cardiac, Neurosurgery and other such ailments. NEC may play a pivotal role in development of these services which would help the entire population of this region. It may be considered that investments in the Health sector in Assam have the potential to serve all the patients of the North Eastern States. Perhaps, it is also time that we make AYUSH as a major vehicle for wellbeing and preventive cure. 21st June which is the Yoga Day should be widely celebrated and we must create a healthy and wealthy North East through Yoga.

Flood & Erosion:

28. We request that the flood and erosion problems of Assam have to be treated as a national issue. I may mention that flood and erosion problems faced by Assam need to be tackled in coordination with all the N.E. States as the water catchment area covers the entire Brahmaputra and Barak basins. This requires much more Inter State cooperation. NEC may assist the Government of Assam on mitigation of flood by facilitation dialogues on this vital issue and by approving projects for dredging of the river bed of Brahmaputra and Barak.

Power:

29. Assam faces an acute shortage of Power supply particularly in the evening peak hours. In order to meet the power shortage and to reduce the loss in transmission and distribution by replacing ageing transmission system in the state, MDoNER/NEC may like to approve the power projects of 12th plan. The potential of small Hydroelectric Projects as a renewable source of energy has not been fully exploited and NEC should take the lead to fund such projects.

Tourism:

30. The North East Region with its multicultural identity and pristine and scenic beauty has immense potential in terms of Tourism. It can offer a wide range of experiences ranging from wildlife tourism, Religious and cultural tourism to Adventure Tourism. This sector is

also naturally employment-intensive, but given the deficiency of modern infrastructure and due publicity, we have not been able to capitalise on this strength. The NEC could assist in creation of modern infrastructure and training of young people to gainfully engage themselves in this sector.

Skill Development:

31. I believe that by augmenting human capabilities and skills we can provide gainful employment to the huge youth population of the region. However, the region has certain constraints due to low level of industrial activity and lack of adequate numbers of professional and vocational training Institutes. I endorse the initiatives proposed by NEC for support to Skill development of educated unemployed youth in the field of Computer Hardware/Software, training in BPO/Call Centre, management, teachers' training in Science and Mathematics, setting up of Pilot Training Centre at Lilabari, in North Lakhimpur, Assam, Regional Fashion Technology Institute in collaboration with the NIFT/Ministry of Textiles, Mountaineering and Adventure Sports Institute in collaboration with the HMI, Darjeeling under Manpower Development Sector. The NEC may also provide assistance for reorganizing the ITIs to cater to the demands of Industry and service sector.

Handlooms and Handicrafts:

32. The handicrafts, handloom and micro sector in Assam has great potential for employment with low investment in plant and machinery. Assam's Silk is world renowned with varieties such as eri and muga being unique to the state and some other parts of the North Eastern region. Though some assistance has been received through the Central Silk Board and other sources, the entire process of production of silk, starting from sericulture activities such as cocoon rearing and farming, reeling, spinning of yarn, weaving and marketing of finished products needs to be supported for development and modernization. We call upon the Government of India to assist in developing the sericulture and silk weaving sector in Assam and North East by way of a special package.

Conclusion:

33. I would like to conclude by once again thanking the Honourable Prime Minister, the Minister of DoNER, the NEC and the host state Government of Meghalaya for this meeting. It is a fact that Assam has ample natural resources with immense potential for development. We require only willpower and proper assistance/guidance from NEC along with a harmonious atmosphere and relations with the states of the Region. From this platform, I would like to call upon all the States of the North East for your full support to make this the

most vibrant region of the country. I am confident that under the dynamic leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, and Minister DoNER and Chairman of NEC along with the active support of Government of India and people of the region, we shall usher a new era of growth and development in the North Eastern Region.

JAI HIND



Address by

SHRI P.B. ACHARYA

Hon'ble Governor of Nagaland,

**at the
65th Plenary of
North Eastern Council**

**State Convention Centre, Shillong
26th - 27th May, 2016**



**Address by Shri P.B. Acharya,
Hon'ble Governor of Nagaland & Assam
65th Plenary Meeting of NEC
26th – 27th May, 2016, Shillong**

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Modiji, Hon'ble Chairman of the North East Council Dr. Jitendra Singh Ji, Hon'ble Governors and Chief Ministers of North Eastern States, Senior Officers from Government of India, esteemed Members of North Eastern Council and distinguished participants.

Namaskar,

It is my great pleasure and privilege to be among such a distinguished gathering and participants where Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Modiji is attending and guiding in the Plenary Meeting of the North East Council.

The main aim of North East Council (NEC) is development and Peace in North East.

Socio Economic Development: North East Council (NEC) which came into being by an Act of Parliament is the nodal agency for the economic and social development of the North East region comprising 8 states of North East which we may call as NAMASTE States. During the last 3 decades or so, NEC has been instrumental in setting the stage and ushering in a new hope for the development in this region.

Necessity of Peace: Thus we have to introspect and review as to how we can facilitate the process of bringing in permanent peace in this region for all round development of the region and for realising the benefits of the Act East Policy enunciated by our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji.

The framework agreement signed between the Government of India and the NSCN (IM) on 3rd August, 2015 is a momentous development which deserves to be welcomed by

all. This gives us a great opportunity to put the troubled past behind us. This is the time for all of us to support the peace process for a permanent solution.

Passport Office and Veterinary College: I thank, on my behalf and also on behalf of Government of Nagaland, the Central Government for setting up a Regional Passport Office at Dimapur and approving setting up of Veterinary College in the State.

Medical College: For setting up of a Medical College in Nagaland at Kohima, the State Govt. has acquired 40.251 acres of land in Kohima at an estimated cost of Rs. 233.76 crore. It may be expedited.

Mahila IR Battalion: The State Government has raised 7 (seven) Indian Reserve Battalions including one Mahila IR Battalion. The NEC and Ministry of DoNER is requested to evolve a strategy to extend infrastructure support to such Battalions.

Tea Industry and Bamboo Development: The tea industry can be promoted in our state for which the projects are equally good and it should be promoted with help of the North Eastern Council. It can help entrepreneurs by providing seed money for setting up of bamboo based industries. We have set up more than 20 Bamboo Toilets in our State with the sponsorship of Public Private Partnership (PPP) as well as by the security agencies.

Air Connectivity: There is an urgent need of air connectivity of Dimapur-Imphal-Agartala-Kolkata/Guwahati.

Promotion of industries, trade and commerce: NEIIPP-2007 has been kept under suspension since 2014. It is requested to withdraw the suspension order for the benefit of industrialization in the States of NER. It is suggested that pragmatic land use policy be formulated for attracting industries in the region.

Food Park & solar Park: I also request NEC to set up Food Parks in all the NE States. For setting up of solar power plants in Nagaland, the financial support provided by MNRE will have to be increased significantly to bring down the cost of solar energy. The viability gap funding may be increased from 30% to 70%.

Need for Cold-storage: We request NEC to draw a plan for Cold Storage Chain to preserve our organic vegetables and fruits.

Skill Development: The Skill Development has to be accelerated on a war footing. There has to be a constructive dialogue between industry, Trade, commerce, and Universities and

Higher Education so that need and supply will be addressed. We should also take into consideration our Natural Mineral Wealth & introduce new academic courses to create wealth.

People to People Fellowship Exchange Programme Emotional Integration: As a part of Fellowship Exchange and people to people programme under my initiative and motivated by the Indian National Fellowship Centre, Mumbai, groups of specialized Doctors from Mumbai have come to Nagaland and conducted free medical camps at various places in Nagaland and also distributed free medicines and conducted free surgery to the needy patients. It is probably the first of its kind of initiative taken by me to have an informal engagement amongst the common people. The main aim of this programme is to initiate channel of communication between people of Nagaland and other regions of India. For the pilot projects, the fields chosen were healthcare and education. This has really helped in **promoting emotional** integration and better understanding amongst the people of Nagaland and other parts of the country.

Strengthening of fellowship with border area international country Myanmar:

Art of Living (AOL) Indian National Fellowship Centre (INFC)

Thousands of Nagas are living in Indo-Myanmar international border of Nagaland's Mon & Kiphire Districts. They are availing medical and educational facilities in the district Hospitals/ Government Schools. Our concern for our fellow Nagas can be strengthened by private/ public MoU or any other system for taking care of the present District Hospitals/ Government Schools in the border areas.

In this connection, I had a dialogue and interaction with Sri Sri Ravi Shankarji, founder of the **Art of Living Centre**, Bengaluru. We had two meetings along with six Doctors of Mumbai in Bengaluru. Art of Living (AOL) sent a representative to work out the possibilities for setting up of border area health Centre/ School under Public Private Partnership (PPP). These projects will be executed via people to people programme with the Art of Living and Indian National Fellowship Centre (INFC), Mumbai an NGO of Mumbai.

Thank you



GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR

SPEECH
OF
SHRI OKRAM IBOBI SINGH
HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF MANIPUR

AT THE
65th NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL MEETING

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**Speech by Okram Ibobi Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur
at the 65th Plenary Session of the North Eastern Council**

**Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji
Hon'ble Chairman, North Eastern Council and
Union Minister of DoNER, Dr Jitendra Singh ji,
Excellency Governors,
Hon'ble Chief Ministers, Council Members and
Distinguished Participants,**

I deem it a privilege to participate in the 65th Plenary Session of the North Eastern Council. I take this opportunity to express my appreciation of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji, who has come to share his vision for development of the North East. I am confident that our discussion today will touch upon core issues of development of NER for faster socio-economic development of the Region.

2. Enhancement of allocation of NEC funds & Fund flow to NER:

Sir, we are all aware that NEC has helped infrastructure development in the Region. However, due to limited availability of funds, desired level of infrastructure development could not take place in the eight member states. As per Economic Survey 2015-16, Combined Net State Domestic Product at Current Prices of eight North East States continues to be very low during 2004-05 till 2013-14. NEC has identified core areas for regional planning of the NER based on Vision 2020 of NER. However, without enhancement of budget allocation of NEC it will be difficult to provide fund for these core areas. Considering the bona-fide needs of the economically backward small States of the NE Region, I would like to draw the kind attention of Hon'ble Prime Minister through this August House for substantial enhancement of NEC and NLCPR budget and for providing flexible additional funds to the NE States. Adequate investment of Plan funds is also required to compensate earlier lack of fund flow to NER as Special Category States. One time package from NLCPR of 10% GBS may be provided to all NE States for completion of ongoing projects and for streamlining future fund flow of NEC/NLCPR funds to these States.

3. Equitable Distribution of NEC Funds and Enhancement of Allocation of Fund for Manipur

Sir, in the last Plenary Session of NEC I have raised the issue of equitable distribution of fund to member States. I appreciate that NEC has taken action on our concern and enhanced our share of allocation. However, percentage allocation for Manipur, which are

still less than 6% and needs enhancement in the coming years to reach at par with other States getting more than 6% of the total releases.

4. Annual Plan for 2015-16

We support the continuous thrust given by NEC to the Transport & Communication, Power, Agri & Allied Sectors, Human Resources and Health Sectors. I understand that the approval of the Council is solicited for head wise Budget allocation of Rs. 800.00 crores and enhanced allocation of Rs 1671.67 crores proposed by NEC for the year 2015-16. I support NEC's current proposal of sectoral headwise allocation which gives more weightage to committed liabilities for completion of ongoing projects. Higher allocation is needed for Power Sector and I request NEC to continue giving priority to complete ongoing projects and take up new projects in core thrust areas of NEC in consultation with the State Government. My state has already drawn up a priority plan for the Year 2016-17 and submitted to the NEC along-with concept notes and DPRs for some of these projects. I request NEC to consider the priority list of projects in core thrust areas and release funds for ongoing schemes early.

5. Revised Guidelines of NEC:

My government will give specific comments on the revised guidelines proposed by NEC, after examining the detailed amendment proposed by NEC. I am sure these changes will facilitate in expediting progress of ongoing works. My State has suggested to review the clause on transfer of land to State Government or leasing out of the same to the State Government for 50 years in case of infrastructural support to Private Institutes/Societies, at least for the ongoing projects. The current provision has delayed completion of ongoing schemes like Construction of Boy's Hostel, Girls Hostel of the R. K. Sanatombi Devi Vidyalayas at Jiribam, for which State Government has entered into MOU without this provision.

6. Act East Policy and Role of North Eastern Council

NEC can play the role of regional council of the NER envisaged in the NITI Aayog for planning and development in the region as a whole and can spearhead infrastructure as well as human resource development of the NER. Considering the strategic location of the North East States, NEC can play a vital role in the 'Act East Policy' of the Government of India. Manipur having its locational advantage will be happy to do its bit as gateway to South East Asia and NEC may coordinate with the efforts of the State Government of the region to actualize the Act East Policy.

7. Youth Affairs and Sports

Sir, we all know that games and sports come naturally to the youths of this region and it will help us realize the full potential of our youth. Through these, we can create goodwill and reap benefits for society. I am thankful to the Hon'ble Prime Minister that in recognition of the laurels and potential talents of our sports person and youths, the Central Government is setting up a Sports University in Manipur, one of its only kind in the Country. We need to keep this momentum going and start the project. NEC could consider stepping in to create state-of-art facility in-campus playgrounds, stadia etc. where international and national level sports in the fields like archery, shooting, polo etc. can be organized. This could give a boost to the sports loving tradition in the States and reap benefits for the society.

8. Railway Connectivity

Sir, the rail line from Jiribam-Tupul-Imphal, a National Project will not only bring about stability in the transport network of Manipur and mitigate hardship of travelling but will also reduce the cost of transportation of goods. I once again appeal through this August House to the NF Railways for timely completion of the Jiribam-Tupul section by March 2017. Land acquisition for phase-II, Tupul-Imphal (27Km) has already been initiated and desired level will be handed over to NF Railways after finalization.

9. Roads Connectivity:

Sir, the National Highways and important state roads connecting state capitals with District headquarters and Sub-Division headquarters require widening and major improvements including construction of RCC bridges. This requires mobilization of capital for land and properties as well as quality construction work on expansion. We will need support of MoRTH, M/DoNER and NEC for this purpose. The second lifeline of Manipur, NH-37 (Imphal –Jiribam section), cannot be fully operational because of weak bridge/Bailey suspension bridges at Barak, Makru and Irang. These projects may be expedited by NHIDCL. Along the NH-39 (Imphal-Moreh section), the first lifeline of Manipur, construction of bridge at Lokchaou has been pending for more than three years due to non-finanzation of tender by MORTH. This may be expedited by MORTH. For better connectivity and durability of road, improvement of Imphal-Mao Section of NE-202 (NH-39), may be taken up as an externally aided project. We also need support for better inter village connectivity in the border areas of North East States and Manipur in particular. PMGSY road is yet to cover all the strategically identified border villages. For socio-economic development and inclusive

growth of poor in the remote hill areas of road connectivity, power and IT infrastructure are essential. Without infrastructure in place, value addition and marketing of the products and banking for entrepreneurs and livelihood activities will stand to suffer. We seek the support of the Government of India for higher investment in these sectors and provide a package for inter village road connectivity of border areas. NEC may continue to take up interstate roads identified by Working Groups and provide fund for maintenance for NEC orphan roads and release funds for ongoing works like Kangpokpi-Tamei road.

10. Transmission of Power

Sir, Power being the key driver for economic growth and development, investment for comprehensive improvement of power sector in Manipur and other states is the need of hour. To instill competitiveness among the stakeholders for better power supply management and in line with Electricity Act, 2003, Manipur has unbundled the erstwhile Electricity Department into two separate State owned corporate entities viz. Manipur State Power Company Limited (MSPCL) and Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited (MSPDCL). Earlier the drawal of power through inter-state transmission line of Central Transmission Utility (CTU) was limited to 110 MW but with the commissioning of 400 KV Silchar – Imphal D/C line in March 2015, the constraint had been removed. I express my heartfelt thanks to Government of India for expediting this crucial transmission link. To handle the anticipated load growth of the State, 400 KV transmission system is being introduced in Manipur with the construction of 400/132 KV Sub-station at Thoubal. I earnestly appeal to Government of India to expedite the completion of power grid's 400/132KV Sub-Station at Imphal and Sikkim to match with the commissioning of states 400KV Sub-station at Thoubal supported by NLCPR. Further the proposed 400 KV link to Misa via New Kohima and New Mariani from Imphal may be expedited at the earliest for better reliability of power supply system in Manipur, Nagaland and part of Assam. To match with the vision of 24 x 7 power for all by 2019 appropriate transmission & distribution infrastructures are being planned in every load centre of the State under different funding agencies. The State has started feeder-wise energy auditing & accounting with 100% feeder & consumer metering including installation of pre-paid meters in heavy consumption areas besides strengthening the distribution network etc to effectively reduce AT&C losses to National level. To meet the vision of 24 x 7 power for all, May I urge the Ministry of Power, M/DoNER and NEC to provide sufficient funds for Power sector to complete ongoing transmission & distribution projects in Manipur including establishment of State Load

Dispatch Centre (SLDC) in Manipur proposed under NLCPR for safe and secure intra-state as well as NER Grid management.

11. Communication & IT

BSNL has improved service accessibility to the customers at village level and has introduced broadband services and Wi-max services to the Community Service Centres (CSCs). However, much needs to be done to improve and provide quality and reliable services in Manipur. To overcome shortage of power, which is one of the hurdles in the remote areas, solar power pack and VSAT to CSCs are being provided in phase manner to support e-Governance and IT Industry. The advent of Digital India has created a requirement for all Government Offices to be connected to internet for providing online services to the citizens. The District HQs and Block HQs are being connected to SWAN and Bharat Net. However connectivity of the Government Offices are yet to be taken up. To address this requirement, a proposal has been included in the State priority list of NEC projects for the year 2016-17. The Government of Manipur has also set-up an Information Technology (IT) Park at Mantripukhri, Imphal with a total floor space of about 20,000 sq ft. Approximately 120 IT professional are working in the IT Park. The project aims to promote IT Park for attracting reputed companies, firms, etc. residing outside the State. With the advent of the Act East Policy, the IT Firms in Manipur are gearing up to expand and explore in Myanmar for opportunities. I urge the NEC and concerned agencies to support State for improvement of IT communication in the State.

12. Livelihood Projects:

Considering the performance of NERCORMP-II project funded by IFAD and NEC in Senapati and Ukhrul district of Manipur, we have been advocating replication of the livelihood projects in other districts of Manipur. We have high expectation from NERCORMP-III projects implemented in Chandel and Churachandpur District by NERCORMP Society under NEC. We request for expansion of livelihood project to uncovered villages and district like Tamenglong and Jiribam of Imphal East of Manipur, presently not covered under NRLM.

In the end, I thank the Hon'ble Prime Minister as well as Hon'ble Minister DoNER and Chairman North Eastern Council for giving me this opportunity to share my views at this Session of the NEC. I am confident that our concerns and aspiration will be taken due care of.

Thank You, Sir.



GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR

ADDRESS

OF

***SHRI V. SHANMUGANATHAN,
HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MANIPUR***

AT

THE 65TH NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL MEETING

26th & 27th May, 2016

Shillong

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji, Minister of DoNER & Chairman of the North Eastern Council, Dr. Jitendra Singhji, my Distinguished Colleagues & Members of the Council, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my privilege to participate today in this 65th Plenary of the North Eastern Council. I would also like to extend my heartiest welcome and appreciation to Shri Narendra Modiji, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, who has come to hear our views, to encourage and guide us in our endeavour for a faster socio-economic growth of the North Eastern States. We are hopeful that meaningful interaction and fruitful decisions will be taken in this Plenary.

2. I take this opportunity to appreciate and applaud the efforts of the Ministry of DoNER and NEC for inviting some of the Central Ministries for interaction on development of projects in North Eastern Region and also on livelihood and entrepreneurship. This will provide an overview of the development activities in the NER not only in the area of infrastructure but also on improvement of livelihood of the poor and creation of job opportunity for the youths of the NER.

3. ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2016-17

I understand that the approval of the Council is solicited for head wise Budget allocation of Rs. 800.00 crores and enhanced allocation of Rs. 1671.67 crores proposed by NEC for the year 2016-17. I support the North Eastern Council's current proposal of sectoral head wise allocation which gives more weightage to committed liabilities. This will help in completion of ongoing project, which is a matter of priority for the NEC as well as the States. I request NEC to continue giving priority to complete ongoing projects and take up new projects in core thrust areas of NEC in consultation with the State Governments. I am informed that the State Government of Manipur has already submitted priority list of projects for the year 2016-17.

4. I would like to place on record my appreciation that NEC is taking action on the concern of Manipur on equitable distribution of fund, which was raised by my predecessor in the 64th NEC Plenary.

5. ENHANCEMENT OF ALLOCATION OF NEC FUNDS

Sir, you will agree that there is still a large gap between the resources made available and the needs of the States. As per Economic Survey 2015-16, Net State Domestic Product at Current Prices of eight North East States continues to be very low, hovering around 2.65% of total all India figure during 2004-05 till 2013-14, which is much lower than any big state of

the Country. The amount released to the NEC is too small to make any meaningful impact on the development of inter-state physical infrastructure, or human development, in the eight member States. I am fully aware that without a quantum jump in the NEC allocation and with continuous cut in the annual budget, which is Rs.800 crores for eight NE States, it will be difficult for NEC to provide fund for core areas identified for economic development of NE states. Higher fund flow for Power sector and IT Sector is needed to realise the dream of 24x7 power in all NE States as well as to reap the benefits of Digital India Programme. This August House has been demanding for an increased outlay for the North Eastern Council from the erstwhile Planning Commission, now NITI Aayog. Considering the needs of the economically backward small States of the NE Region, I would like to draw the kind attention of Hon'ble Prime Minister through this August House for substantial enhancement of NEC and Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources budget and for providing one time package of Rs. 2000 crores for NE States for completion of ongoing projects and streamlining future flow of NEC fund to these States.

6. ROLE OF NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL

Considering the strategic location of the North East States, NEC can play a vital role in the 'Act East Policy' of the Government of India. NEC as a regional planning body can spearhead infrastructure as well as human resource development and may coordinate the efforts of the State Government of the region to actualize the Act East Policy. NEC can play the role of regional council of the NE envisaged in the NITI Aayog for planning and development in the region as a whole.

7. REVISED GENERAL SECTORAL GUIDELINES

I would like to express my appreciation to the NEC for Revised Sectoral scheme guidelines of NEC. I hope this changes will encourage progress of ongoing schemes and would include amendment to the clause on transfer of land to State Government or leasing out the same for 50 years for infrastructural support to Private Institutes/ Societies. This is delaying completion of ongoing schemes like Construction of Boy's Hostel, Girls Hostel of the R.K. Sanatombi Devi Vidyalayas at Jiribam, for which State Government has entered into MoU without this provision.

8. SCHEME FOR REHABILITATION/ CONSTRUCTION OF STATE GUEST HOUSES AT SHILLONG

There is need for all the NE States to have a proper Guest House at Shillong to facilitate such meetings at Shillong and also to facilitate tourists and students coming to

Shillong. I am informed that proposal for Manipur Yatri Niwas/ Guest House at Shillong is pending with NEC for want of Meghalaya Urban Development Agency clearance from Government of Meghalaya. Since State Government has already submitted DPR to NEC, NEC may coordinate and facilitate in obtaining clearance from MUDA.

9. Observation of Uttar Poorvi Kshetra Vikas Diwas (DoNER Day):

I applaud the initiative for observation of Uttar Poorvi Kshetra Vikas Diwas (DONER Day) on 27th May, 2016. The celebration of the DoNER Day will make us remember the initiatives taken up by the Ministry of DoNER for speedy development of the NE States.

10. Sir, I would like to thank you for giving us this platform today to highlight our concerns and strengthen the commitment for developing the North East.

JAI HIND



Government of Mizoram

SPEECH
OF
SHRI LAL THANHAWLA
HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER
MIZORAM
AT
The 65th PLENARY Meeting OF
THE NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL
ON
27th May, 2016
SHILLONG, MEGHALAYA

Respected Prime Minister, Excellencies, the Governors of N.E. States, Hon'ble Minister, DoNER, my esteemed colleagues from the sister States, ladies and gentlemen!

I am happy to be able to take part in the 65th plenary session of the North Eastern Council. Hon'ble Prime Minister's presence in to-day's meeting is encouraging. It demonstrates his deep interest in and concern for the welfare of the people of this underdeveloped and remote part of the country. It gives us hope of a better deal.

I would like to refer to a few basic issues relating to development of the N.E. Region. First, there has been a general feeling that NEC, which was constituted to bring about integrated, holistic development of the region, has lost its steam and development momentum has, of late, slowed down. No new initiative is noticeable. I feel it is time that we looked back and assessed the total impact the Council has been able to make on the socio-economic arena. The DoNER Ministry may get a performance review report of NEC prepared and circulated among the States. It should be followed by a high level discussion. The aim should be to revitalize and reactivate NEC with more powers, both financial and administrative, more resources and better expertise at its disposal. Second, we are not quite clear about the functional relationship between the NITI Aayog and NEC. If, as declared years ago, NEC is the regional Planning body, what should be its role in the context of the new development? The situation, as of today, is somewhat hazy. Third, NITI Aayog has reportedly decided to introduce a 15-year perspective plan model in place of the six-decade old Five Year Plan model. It is no doubt a right move because a development plan in real terms should be a long-term futuristic exercise. We may assume that the NEC's plan would also be a long-term one. NEC did come up with the NE Vision: 2020. A 15-year perspective plan could have been drafted on the basis of the Vision document. However, we do not know as to what action, if any, has been taken to actualize the important ideas and suggestions of the Vision document.

It is disturbing to notice that funds allocated to NEC over the past more than seven years have remained static, whereas it should have increased substantially to enable the Council to take up developmental activities in the core sectors more vigorously. It is depressing to find that against the approved outlay of Rs. 6108 crore for NEC's 12th Plan only a little over Rs. 4108 crore will have been actually allocated till terminal year of the Plan period i.e. 2016-17. It is a tragic irony that huge Plan funds are allowed to lapse when the region really needs larger financial resources. This deficiency should be made good. Hon'ble Prime Minister in his address to the first meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog

very rightly emphasized on the cycle of investment, growth, job creation and prosperity. He also assured that the States would be empowered with finance, with technology and knowledge to ensure better plan preparation and better execution. To meet the development needs of the NE States, the Centre should be very liberal in fund allocation to NEC as well as to the NE States.

We appreciate the fact that the North Eastern Region has made considerable progress in the last decades. But it has still to go a long long way. The region has to clock and sustained double digit growth rate to catch up with the rest of the country. That would demand much larger investment and enhanced absorbing capacity of the States. We assure you that we would fulfil the second condition and would request the Centre to meet the first. We must dream big or else we would achieve little.

Development of infrastructure, which is utterly deficient in NER, holds the key to accelerated growth in the region. It would involve huge investment. NE Vision 2020 puts it at over 3 lakh crore upto 2019-2020. As suggested in the vision document, initial investment in infrastructure development should come mainly from the Centre as the financially poor States of the region do not have own resources. NEC may draft a perspective infrastructure development plan based on the vision document and Government of India may provide the needed fund to implement such a plan. Maintenance of assets created under development projects also poses another big problem. The State Governments cannot maintain these assets due to utter lack of fund. At the same time, due to topography and unfavourable climate, the problem assumes bigger dimension in the North East. NEC may consider setting up of a Regional Maintenance Fund to help the constituent units in this behalf.

Educational system needs drastic improvement to relate it to the economic and social developmental needs of the region. Every year institutions roll out youths who find it extremely difficult to cope with the grim reality of a highly competitive world. Nor have they been prepared with the requisite skill to be self-employed. The result is swelling number of unemployed. Fortunately, working age population in the region is far in excess of those dependent on them and this has to be recognized as a potential source of significant strength for the region's economy. We will be able to reap demographic dividend only if we are able to equip and continuously upgrade the skills of the population in the working age group. The NER Educational Council, a body constituted by NEC, made a number of excellent suggestions for a seamless education pattern, integration of general and vocational streams, improvement of teaching standard of science and mathematics etc. Besides, some years

back a competent consultant agency appointed by the Council had prepared a specially designed skill development module for North East. NEC should prepare and help execution of a perspective plan to effect systemic change in the educational pattern and promote skill development of the youths on an extensive scale. We must appreciate that investment in human resource development is one of the most rewarding and productive investments.

The Look East Policy gave us some hope of trade-led growth of the N.E. Region and its economic integration with one of the fastest growing economies i.e. South East Asia. Sadly, even after the two decades it has had no impact on the region's economy. Not even the basic requisites for success of the policy have been put in place. Border trade is a specialized endeavour. It cannot be operationalised in the vacuum. The required ground supports like a detailed product and market specific study of the region's export potential, a competitive production base, developed infrastructure and involving in the local people as informed stakeholders are not yet fully available. At the level of policy formulation and implementation there appears to be lack of coordination. I strongly suggest that a separate regional outfit be created under the aegis of NEC for coordinated implemented, overseeing and monitoring of LEP.

Another challenge that we are facing is the severe shortage of health infrastructure and workforce. Various measures have been taken by the Government of Mizoram to improve health infrastructure facilities in the State. But these are inadequate. Services and facilities of the District Hospitals have to be upgraded so that the people in the rural areas do need not have to make long journeys to the capital for medical care. Even the facilities at the State Capital leave much to be desired forcing patients to go to outside cities. We are facing severe fund constraints. The existing Missions of the Central Government have been grossly inadequate and private sector investment has been few and far between. Specific and meaningful intervention for development of health sector in the region is needed. If we can develop credible health care system, North East Region has the potential to attract medical tourists from our neighbouring countries. Healthcare can thus become an economic development opportunity as well.

North East India with pristine nature, rich cultural heritage and human diversities has the potential of becoming one of the most promising global tourist destinations. However, performance of tourism sector in the region has been pitiable. I believe, the slow pace of progress in this sector is the result of lack of experienced planning, developing and managing it. Our efforts for tourism development have been casual without proper

strategies, goals and priorities and, in most cases, without any authentic action plan. Inadequacy of resources is another factor retarding growth. NEC as a regional planning body may come up with a sustainable tourism strategy for the NE region.

North East is vulnerable to various types of natural disaster- earthquake, flood, landslide and cyclone. The entire region is in the Seismic Zone V, i.e. very high damage risk zone. The grave problems created by natural disasters generally and earthquakes in particular, in N.E. Region call for serious consideration and immediate action. The primary objective should be to build a safe and disaster resilient North East through a holistic, proactive, multi-disaster oriented and technology supported regime of prevention and post-event relief. Government of Mizoram has submitted a scheme for disaster management to NEC for funding.

I look forward to a fruitful discussion during the Council meeting and I hope that our decisions would boost development prospects of the North Eastern Region.

Thank You

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SPEECH

OF

HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF MIZORAM,

Lt Gen Nirbhay Sharma, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd)

At the 65th Plenary Meeting of

The North Eastern Council

At

The State Convention Centre, Pinewood Hotel

Shillong

On

27th May, 2016

Mr. Chairman, Excellencies, Distinguished Members and Friends, I extend my heartfelt greeting to all of you.

The 65th Plenary of the North Eastern Council is historic, as the Hon'ble Prime Minister is amongst us to share his thoughts and guide the Council to move ahead in our collective agenda of development of this region. It augurs well and benefits the valedictory session and the inaugural DoNER Day celebration.

I am the 14th / 15th speaker this morning and find that most of the issues have been covered by the distinguished speakers before me. For Mizoram, my Chief Minister, Shri Lal Thanhawla ji has already flagged the points concerning the State and I fully endorse them. So, rather than being repetitive, let me highlight a few basic aspects affecting the North East and suggest measures to speed up the development.

We are aware that apart from its geostrategic importance, **North East is the most vital link in the chain of our 'Act East' Policy**. Although in the last two years, there has been a renewed focus and momentum, a lot still needs to be done to strengthen it, for a **chain is as strong as its weakest link**.

NEC as a regional planning body has a pivotal role in the development of North East. The revised NEC guidelines approved in the last Plenary in 2015 reiterates this by highlighting its role, not only in regional planning, but in funding and monitoring as well. It is a holistic approach to deal with the region in consultation with various stakeholders. I am glad that it has been debated as item on the agenda, for it is in keeping with NER Vision 2020. It encapsulates aspirations of the people in the region and brings out the tasks ahead for the Central Government, NEC and the constituent States to translate the vision into reality. **Basically, there is a strong case to provide a much needed role clarity and more teeth to the NEC.**

The complexities of North East, well known to this august house, demand that **we look at both the common thread that runs through all the eight sister States, and yet not overlook the specifics of each State**. Towards this end, NEC under the aegis of DoNER, may essentially focus on the common issues, which require a regional perspective. It will also have a cascading effect on State specific developmental requirements, be it agriculture, tourism, industry and so on. These can continue to be dealt with as hitherto fore.

To my mind, there are **four basic strands of the common thread and connectivity is foremost in it**. It holds the key to open the doors of prosperity and make the region an engine of growth. Infrastructure for road, rail, air, waterway and digital connectivity has to

be developed upto our borders and beyond. The session on this chaired by Chairman NEC was quite useful. **I am certain that it will be carried forward by holding deliberations and arriving at actionable plans for each of the sub sets in a coordinated manner.**

In Mizoram, **Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP) is most vital and involves even the MEA.** There are also proposals to reactivate the waterways within Mizoram and through Bangladesh. Likewise, there is a case for constructing another Airport in Southern Mizoram and also **upgrading of the existing Airport at Lengpui to act as the second Air hub in North East for international flights. The on-going construction of railway line upto Sairang has to not only be expedited, but extended up to the southern tip of Mizoram.** Likewise, the **digital connectivity has to improve and reach even across the international border both towards Bangladesh and Myanmar.** In earlier Plenary Sessions, often the need for a direct flight from Aizawl to Delhi had been mentioned. Although not fully actualized, a hopping flight from Aizawl to Delhi via Guwahati operated by Jet Airways has been operational for some time now. **We must appreciate the efforts of the Ministry of DoNER for their contribution in bringing about this favourable progress.**

Further, I would like to highlight the requirement of addressing the **developmental issues of border areas** in all the North Eastern States. **Due to lack of development, there is thinning out of population to cities/ towns in the interior.** For example, more than 1/4th of Mizoram's population resides in and around Aizawl, the State capital. Such a trend exists in all the border States. It leaves the border quite vulnerable and weakens our security. It is suggested that a **comprehensive plan be drawn and border belt of all the States developed on priority and under the aegis of BADP.** Our border guarding Security Forces can play a more active role in the implementation of such developmental programmes.

The next strand of the common thread is education. **We might have the highest literacy rates in the country, but there is big question mark on our literacy rate actually translating into jobs.** Again, this is an issue which cannot be viewed in isolation. There has to be a comprehensive plan appreciating all the inherent linkages of such a subject. Our focus must not waver from the fact that the **North Eastern people still have limited knowledge of Hindi and English. This is an area that the NEC as also DoNER in conjunction with other arms of the government can channelize some of their efforts.**

On the **issue of Skill Development, again a comprehensive strategy for the region would be needed.** It is an area which needs repeated emphasis, to train the youth with skills mapped to employment opportunities, both within and outside the region. We must realise

that opportunities in the region would always be limited. Further, the issue of **tapping into the youth dividend is intrinsically linked with health of the people, especially the youth.** There is immense scope for development of health facilities. **The youth of north east are increasingly falling prey to the scourge of drugs. Diseases such as Cancer and HIV Aids have also spread their tentacles.** Though, NEC has recognized the need for better medical facilities and some projects have come up recently, a lot still needs to be done.

We must also recall that 12th Five Year Plan of the NEC firmed up at Rs. 13027.38 crores and revised to Rs. 21507.41 crores, finally resulted in Gross Budgetary Support of Rs. 6108.00 crore. Against this approved amount, plan provision so far has been only about 50% of it. We are in the terminal year and the allocation stands at Rs. 795 crores. On one hand, it **calls for increased and timely allocation of funds, on the other, it is important for the stakeholders to look into aspects of capacity to utilize the funds effectively. Alongside, we need to dig into the mandate of allotment of 10% of each Ministries funds to be utilized in the North East in a non-lapsable mode.**

May I also take this opportunity to flag the **vulnerability of the region to earthquakes, being a Seismic Zone-V. The measures to not only manage, but more importantly mitigate are vital and need our attention.** In our holistic approach to development, this aspect assumes importance.

To conclude, substantial upgrade and clarity in the role of NEC as a regional body to address issues of connectivity, education, skill development and basic health on a regional canvas is necessary. **Its mandate should not only include planning, but also coordination and monitoring. Alongside, commensurate with the vision for North East, timely allocation of funds, adequate coordination and monitoring are vital.** We also need to give special attention to our border belt and develop it expeditiously.

It is heartening to note that the frequency of meetings and visits to North East by the Union Ministers and various government officials have increased manifold, thus, shifting the centre of gravity to this region, so to say. I recommend that the **annual NEC meetings are followed by half yearly/ quarterly issue specific meetings for each State to monitor and assist the execution of plans.**

I join all my colleagues in thanking DoNER and NEC for conducting the 65th Plenary of the North Eastern Council in an exemplary manner. I am certain that together we will gallop our way to transform North East into gateway from an outpost. **The importance of this region as an important cog in the developmental wheel of 'Act East' instrument is evident**

from the presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister in this valedictory session. The deliberations have been quite enriching and I am grateful for this opportunity to present my views in this august Council. I am confident that the North Eastern Council shall continue to achieve greater heights.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen for your attention.

JAI HIND!



GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND

SPEECH

OF

SHRI T.R.ZELIANG
Chief Minister, Nagaland

AT THE

65th PLENARY SESSION
OF THE
NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL
SHILLONG
27th May, 2016

Short Speech by Shri T. R. Zeliang, Chief Minister, Nagaland during the 65th Plenary Session of the NEC at Shillong, on the 27th May, 2016

Respected Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State for DoNER and Ex-officio chairman of NEC, Hon'ble Governors and fellow Chief Minister of the North East region, the permanent members of the NEC, Secretary, DoNER and other officials of the Government of India, Secretary, NEC and other officials of NEC, Chief Secretaries and senior officers of the North East States, ladies and gentlemen.

1. First of all, I thank Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State, DoNER & Chairman of NEC for convening this 65th Plenary Session of NEC at Shillong. I sincerely thank Shri. Narendra Modi ji, the Hon'ble Prime Minister, for gracing this plenary session. Sir, we are indeed honoured by your presence today. It demonstrated your concern for the region and we are certain that this 65th Plenary Session will be a turning point in giving a new direction to development of the North East.
2. Owing to geographical isolation, combined with social, cultural and ethnic factors, the majority of the people from the North East could not easily integrate emotionally, culturally and politically with mainland India for decades since Independence. The region also could not keep pace with the mainland in the field of development, basically due to lack of the required infrastructure for good governance and economic development. Even the region's rich natural resources could not be exploited for a long time. These factors contributed to the isolation and economic backwardness of the region. And to compound the problems, many of the development programmes and policies framed by New Delhi were not relevant or practical to the region. In order to make regional plans for the NE region, and to bring out programmes and policies relevant to the region, the NEC was created in 1972 through an act of Parliament.
3. Through the collective wisdom of the Governors and the Chief Ministers of the North Eastern States, who are ex-officio Members of the Council, development planning for the region soon become more practical, more relevant and more need based, thereby replacing the old planning concept of "one-size-fits-all" by "this-size-fits-us". This also enabled the member States to decide their own priorities. The only disappointment has been the annual allocation of funds to NEC which has always been way below our expectations. Besides, even the outlays approved for the NEC in the various Five Year Plans have never been actually allotted or utilized fully since its

inception. Otherwise, the NEC could have done much better, and much more to change the development landscape of the region. For the past many years, the statement of good intentions, and the announcement of many ambitious plans by Central leaders for development of NE region has not so far been matched by commensurate actions. However, under the dynamic leadership and supervision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, who is with us today, and under the stewardship of Dr. Jitendra Singh, let us hope that the budget of the NEC will be enhanced adequately in the years ahead, so that development of North-East region will witness a new thrust.

4. I would like to comment on the uneven allocation of NEC funds and projects amongst the constituent States. The percentage share of Nagaland, in terms of annual sanction and release of NEC funds, has been declining over the years. For example, in the case of North East Region Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP), Phase I & II were implemented in 1326 villages in Assam, Meghalaya and Manipur. We had asked for inclusion of Nagaland in Phase III, but this was not considered and is being implemented only in the States of Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur. Let me cite another example. We have as many as 14 Regional Institutes being assisted and promoted by the NEC since its inception. Of these, 7 are in Assam, 3 in Meghalaya and one each in Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Mizoram, but none in Nagaland. I mention this, so that corrective steps may be taken by NEC in the future.
5. Let me also mention on what is considered to be the main priority for the NE region at this juncture that is, road connectivity which is the primary need of this region, both inter-state connectivity within the region, and inter-district connectivity within the constituent States. Further, because of the hilly terrain and alluvial soil conditions, coupled with heavy monsoons, annual road repairs and maintenance is a dire need. I welcome the introduction of "N.E Road Sector Development Scheme" a new scheme for construction and upgradation of important inter-state roads, with inbuilt provision for maintenance for five years. However, the initial allocation of Rs. 150 crore appears to be too meager for any meaningful impact. Therefore, taking advantage of the presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister in our midst today, I would like to request him to see that adequate funds are provided for new roads

constructions, as well as for maintenance of existing roads constructed under NEC and NLCPR funds.

6. I am happy to place on record my deep appreciation of the achievements made by the NEC during the last 44 years of its existence, in spite of the many constraints and handicaps faced by it. And under the visionary leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, the Hon'ble Prime Minister, and Dr. Jitendra Singh, the Hon'ble Minister of State (IC) for DoNER, who are strong believers and proponents of the potential of NE region, and the Act East Policy, I have no doubt that the NEC will play an even more significant role in the socio-economic development of the region, and in the implementation of the Act East Policy.
7. As mentioned earlier, I am confident that the 65th Plenary Session of the NEC, which is being convened in the honoured presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, will not only be a grand success but also a meaningful one.

Thank You



ADDRESS

OF

THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF SIKKIM

AT THE 65th PLENARY MEETING

OF

THE NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL ,

AT SHILLONG

26TH – 27TH MAY, 2016

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Minister DoNER and Chairman NEC, Hon'ble Governors, Hon'ble Chief Ministers, Minister of the North Eastern States, distinguished Members of the North Eastern Council, Officers of Government of India and the State Government, NEC and my dear friends.

It is always a privilege to participate in the plenary meetings of the NEC. While doing so, I bring warm greetings on behalf of the people of Sikkim and my own. Today is an occasion of great significance with the gracious participation of the Hon'ble Prime Minister at the meeting. This is an indication of the seriousness of Government of India towards issue of development, and the aspirations of the people in this region.

Indeed, as noted by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in his last visit to the North Eastern Region in early January, 2015 the region holds huge potential in tourism, energy and natural resources as distinct privilege of this region. We, as a part of the Council with its mandate to design regional planning, have reasons to rejoice in the observations of the Hon'ble Prime Minister and resolve to harness our strengths to its full potential. In order to accomplish our task we would solicit and are confident of all-out support and blessings of the Hon'ble Prime Minister whose guidance in the matter is crucial.

We in the North Eastern Region aspire to see our region emerge strong, peaceful and confident to engage with the global economy.

While on the other hand, we are also aware of the unique and multiple difficulties our region faces. Very briefly hindrances are the issues of road connectivity, lack of rail and air connectivity etc. The Government of India no doubt has a long term vision in mind for development of the region through modern connectivity in rail, road, air and waterways. With improves connectivity the tourism potential of the region can be fully tapped, but because of the lack of required connectivity of good roads, rail link and air connectivity it is difficult to fully develop tourism in the region.

The meeting spread over 2 days gives an opportunity to reflect on what the NEC has achieved so far and what we have gained in the NER. The NER of India has remained relatively less developed due to geographical and various other factors, despite being a strategic region of the country. The NEC was set up with the objective of accelerating development process of the NER in order to bring it at par with the rest of the country. The

NEC however, has not been able to achieve its objective fully due to various reasons. Two reasons come to my mind immediately. First, the allocation of funds to NEC has been grossly inadequate and secondly, the NEC needs to be made more robust and strengthened with adequate man power, so that it can play its role more actively as a Regional Planning body.

Sikkim became a member of the NEC in the year 2002. We have been an active and responsible member of the Council from the beginning. Till date, 152 schemes/ projects costing Rs. 61747.47 lakhs have been sanctioned against which a sum of Rs. 47652.32 lakhs has been released by the NEC. So far, we have completed 110 schemes and 42 are ongoing. The total State Share released for the NEC projects is Rs. 4542.26 lakhs. The remaining NEC Share to be released to Sikkim stands at Rs. 1133.15 lakhs.

In the last financial year 2015-16, the State Government provided enabling State Share of Rs. 1176.23 lakhs for 46 NEC schemes. This will help close some of the old schemes and will also facilitate release of remaining NEC share. The UCs and the QPRs are being sent by the State Government every quarterly as mandated by the NEC guidelines.

I appeal to the NEC that once the Annual Plan is finalized, the remaining NEC releases for the old schemes may kindly be released to the State at the earliest. Beside, the NEC may consider sanction of the 7 retained schemes from the State Priority List 2015-16. NEC may also consider some schemes for sanction from the State Priority List of 2016-17 also which is on its way. Though, geographically the State of Sikkim does not share contiguity with the rest of the NER, the NEC guidelines provide for standalone schemes for Sikkim.

Here, in Sikkim in order to transform locational disadvantage into an advantage the State Government took a policy decision to undertake natural resource based schemes and development programmes on a sustainable basis. Promotion of eco-tourism including village tourism, hospitality service, hydro power generation, education, horticulture, floriculture and agro based industries, pharmaceutical and other eco friendly clean industrial sectors are among the priority areas identified by the State Government as the most viable professions today.

Owing to our unique topography, demographic profile and strategic location with three International borders, I appeal to the Government of India to fulfil the basic minimum

needs of the State and that of its people. The basic minimum needs would mean quality infrastructure of good roads, airport, railways etc. The Ministry of DoNER and the NEC could work out short term and long term development strategies and to impress upon Government of India and its implementing agencies for time bound implementation of the infrastructure.

The DoNER and NEC are the two pillars of strength and succour of the NER. Let us help these two institutions play their role in the progress and development of the region. Let us not lose what we have, lets support them jointly with all our mite.

I feel that NEC needs to move closer to the States, for example NEC officials can consider visiting the States of the NER at least once a year to hold meetings of the project approval committee in the respective States. If this is made possible the decision making process would be faster since the entire State machinery would be available for deliberation of the projects and clarifications if any.

The Ministry of DoNER has a major role to play in the development of the NER. It looks after the work of sanction of projects under NLCPR. I am glad to learn that some steps are now being taken to streamline the procedures to make the whole process faster.

The other area which is a fact is that the cost of implementing any project in the North East is much higher than in the mainland States. Almost all construction materials have to be brought from the plains. The working season is only about six months and the long rainy season also adds to the cost of implementing the projects. Such realities are often not taken into account while the projects DPRs are being evaluated. I suggest that the Ministry of DoNER and NEC should adopt cost norms which are consistent with the situation prevailing in the North East. This will help in avoiding cost over runs. As you are aware, cost of the land acquisition which is quite substantial in infrastructure projects may be allowed to be included in the project cost, in view of resource constraints of the North Eastern states.

The current method for monitoring NEC projects needs strengthening. Besides the mandatory State Level Monitoring, it is suggested the NEC may set up online computerized monitoring system like that of the MGNREGA and other central schemes. This will assist in reducing communication gaps between NEC and the States.

The NEC may further improve the mechanism for review and close monitoring of projects through field visits by the officials of the NEC along with the State counterparts from time to time.

I would like to place on record, that the faster development of the NER should be made the highest national priority which should get attention at the highest level in the Government of India. The speedy development of the NER is absolutely necessary if the region is to catch up with the rest of the country. For this to happen, it is essential that the institutions created for the development of the region i.e. DoNER and NEC are allocated adequate financial powers and autonomy to enable them to fulfil the objective for which they have been created.

I am confident that, with the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble DoNER Minister at the helm, the NER would definitely reap a rich harvest with their full support and patronage. Our hopes and aspirations have been further raised with the visit of the Prime Minister to the North Eastern Council at Shillong.

We look forward to a fruitful discussion during the course of the two days. I hope that major decisions would be taken during the deliberations that would enrich the road map for development of the NER.

*****JAI HIND *****



ADDRESS
OF
THE HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF SIKKIM
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Respected Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji, Hon'ble Governors, Dr. Jitendra Singhji Minister DoNER and Chairman, NEC and Chief Ministers of the North Eastern States, Ministers, Dignitaries, Members of the North Eastern Council, Officers of the Government of India and the North Eastern Region, Secretary and Officers of NEC and ladies and gentlemen.

At the outset, I bring warm greetings from the people of Sikkim and on my own behalf to this august forum. I hope the year 2016-17 will be a year of great success and achievement for the North Eastern Region. In wish that peace and harmony will help accelerate the pace of development of our region.

I am happy to participate in the 65th Plenary Meeting of the North Eastern Council. I consider it an occasion of great significance today as the Hon'ble Prime Minister has graced the NEC Plenary Meeting. His benign presence has lifted our spirits and will definitely motivate us to work harder towards the rapid development of the North Eastern Region. Hon'ble Prime Minister has visited the North East a number of times and is well versed with the region's concerns and the developmental potential, as also its strategic importance.

The NEC Plenary gives us an opportunity to review the pace of progress in the region and also to plan on other priority areas of development. I must state that the journey of the NEC over the decades has been quite steady in terms of its role and responsibility, despite various challenges.

The NEC is primarily a regional planning body and its basic role is towards framing a collective and coordinated regional strategy to ensure sustainable development of the North East. Due to its somewhat geographical isolation, the North Eastern Region accords priority to connectivity of the region through rail, road and air for mobility of people, goods and services.

Many institutions and initiatives are visible symbols of our collective vision for the North Eastern Region. The North Eastern Handicrafts & Handlooms Development Corporation (NEHHDC), the North Eastern Development & Finance Corporation (NEDFi), the North Eastern Regional Institute of Water and Land Management (NERIWALM), the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd. (NERAMAC), the North Eastern Hill University (NEHU) etc. These institutes were established to evolve a collective approach to development and planning. These regional assets are helping to keep the momentum of

progress of the region. We may also think of one or two more sectors such as development of tourism, organic farming, floriculture development, disaster management and human resource development for the region. Sikkim can do well with an institute for organic farming and floriculture.

The NER Vision 2020 has identified crucial areas for development of the NER. It has to some extent been guiding the NEC for predation of various plans and programmes. However, a well defined regional plan as a blue print of development strategy may still be needed. It is now time that the Government of India fund the Vision 2020 of the NER in a phased manner. At the same time, State Priorities also need active consideration of NEC. Besides, it is obvious that the NEC needs to be funded generously by Government of India if the NER is to catch up with the rest of the country.

Ever since the NEC came into existence in 1971 it has matured into a professional entity guided by vision of the Union Government. Every year the NEC meets for the Plenary Council Meeting and sometimes I feel that meetings of the Council just once a year may not do justice to the greater task at hand and the challenges that lie ahead for the North Eastern Region.

One area of concern is slow pace of sanction and implementation of projects. There is a huge time gap between submission, sanction and release of funds for the projects which are accorded priority by the States. Often this delay results in time and cost overrun. The NEC may therefore, adopt a mechanism whereby the process of appraisal and sanction of projects is expedited as NEC itself has to play a lead role in the sphere of planning and funding of critical projects.

The State of Sikkim is a member of the NEC since the year 2002. The NEC has sanctioned 152 schemes costing Rs. 61747.47 lakhs. 110 schemes stand completed as on date. UCs and QPRs are being sent to NEC on a timely basis. We now, expect that the NEC will be in a position to expeditiously release the remaining balance funds to the State Government and consider sanction of some priority schemes of the Government of Sikkim. As you are aware Sikkim has also been hit adversely due to the stoppage and further funding of Additional Central Assistance/ Special Plan Assistances to ongoing projects in the State, therefore, further funding of these schemes is a major challenge for us. The Government of India therefore, may consider funding the remaining portion of the ACA/SPA projects through the DoNER Ministry's, NLCPR funding. If this happens then many projects

and schemes of importance can be completed. Sikkim has already built many landmark tourism and pilgrimage infrastructure. I invite you to explore these infrastructure in Sikkim at leisure, it will give you an idea as to the progress and development achieved by the Government of Sikkim.

The one common issue for the NER is the lack of connectivity, which has proved to be the biggest hurdle to the development of the region and which is also holding up unlocking of the vast economic potential of the region. Most of the North Eastern States suffer on account of harsh climate and difficult topography, therefore, the road, railways and air and broadband connectivity in the region needs to be properly planned and strengthened. I feel once the issue of connectivity is resolved, the NER could achieve its true potential.

Before I conclude, I would like to mention that the NEC should play a role of facilitator in preparing project reports and other study reports of relevance to the Region. The NEC should take the lead in suggesting pioneering ideas and proposals. The Council should be a Resource Centre for the State Governments. It should monitor the progress, resource allocation, strategies and effectiveness of resource utilization.

In conclusion, I once again thank the Hon'ble Prime Minister for his gracious presence and intervention at the Plenary Meeting and to the august forum for giving me this opportunity to put forth my views. On behalf of the people of Sikkim I extend an invitation to you all to our beautiful and picturesque State. I am confident that our views and aspirations will be taken care of and help in accelerating the balanced development of the North Eastern Region.

***** THANK YOU AND JAI HIND*****



SPEECH OF

**SHRI TATHAGATA ROY
HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TRIPURA**

At the 65th meeting of
North Eastern Council

On
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at
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Shillong, Meghalaya

Speech of Shri Tathagata Roy, Hon'ble Governor of Tripura at the 65th Plenary of NEC to be held on 26 – 27 May, 2016 at Shillong

Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modiji, Hon'ble Union Minister for DoNER and Chairman, North Eastern Council Dr. Jitendra Singhji, Hon'ble Governors, Hon'ble Chief Ministers, esteemed Members of the North Eastern Council and distinguished participants.

I feel privileged to be present in the 65th Plenary meeting of the North Eastern Council which will deliberate on the development issues of the region. I would like to touch upon some of the important agenda items concerning the State of Tripura.

2. The proposed outlay of the 12th Five Year Plan of the NEC is Rs. 13027.38 crores and the approved outlay is Rs. 6108.00 crores. But the funds released during first 4 years is Rs. 2821.20 crores which is only 46.20% of the approved outlay of 12th Five Year Plan. The trend thus does not support that NEC will be able to protect the size of approved outlay of 12th Plan. Therefore there is a need of judicious look in the matter so that adequate fund is provided to NEC for the development of the region.

3. National Highway No. 44 which is the lifeline of Tripura for supply of essential commodities and two-way movement of goods is in an unimaginably horrible condition. I have myself inspected this road with PWD Officers. I have also inspected a road which is often canvassed as an alternative road, namely the road built by NEC from Chandkhira in Assam to Dharmanagar in Tripura via Kukital (Assam) and Kathaltali (Tripura). This so-called road is as good as non-existent. As a result today, as I write this, Tripura is cut off from the rest of the country and the world except by air. I have been personally and relentlessly chasing this matter with the Hon'ble Minister of Road, Transport & Highways and Shipping, who has very kindly taken unusual initiative to set the matter right; but in the meanwhile heavy rains have intervened and the situation is back to square one, even worse. This may kindly be dealt with on the highest priority possible in as much as the situation will not brook even one day's delay.

4. Action also needs to be taken about the four-laning of NH-44 and upgradation of alternative roads to National Highway status.

5. The Railway network has been extended upto State capital, Agartala. The work of extension of railway line on Agartala-Udaipur and Udaipur-Sabroom sections is in progress.

But the implementation is apprehended to be delayed for want of adequate funds allocation by Ministry of Railways for the project. This requires immediate attention.

6. The State of Tripura is bounded by three sides of Bangladesh and relations with Bangladesh are extremely important for the welfare of the State. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts undertaken by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and co-operation of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh, direct bus services have been introduced between Agartala and Kolkata. Before this, even people of very meagre means had to travel by air to Kolkata to which many people of this State are ethnically, linguistically and culturally related. However, in order to undertake a journey by bus, Indian citizens have to have passport and visa. I have already written to the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs with a suggestion to have an arrangement similar to what had existed between erstwhile West Germany (FRG) and West Berlin before their unification of 1990. Even today such an arrangement is in vogue between the isolated Russian City of Kaliningrad and mainland Russia whereby Russian citizens can travel through Belarus and Lithuanian territory without passport or visa.

7. Air connectivity is extremely important for Tripura. At this moment the State is connected with the rest of the country only by air, as road and rail connections have completely broken down. One problem in air connectivity is the refusal of private airlines to take stretcher cases of invalids. The number of flights between Kolkata and Agartala are also required to be increased. It is also necessary to upgrade Agartala Airport at least to the status of a Customs – Immigration Airport, with connectivity to Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet and other towns in Bangladesh. It is also necessary to re-operationalise Kailasahar and Kamalpur Airport to improve air connectivity to the North Eastern part of the State. Connectivity to Kailasahar will be particularly helpful in promoting Unakoti, an archaeological wonder, as a tourist destination. However, the funds for land acquisition which the AAI has proposed in its Master Plan for this purpose will have to be provided from NEC/ Central sources.

8. The proposed Railway link between Agartala and Akhaura junction in Bangladesh is also a sanctioned project. This link is extremely important not only for Tripura but for the entire North Eastern region. Early implementation of this link will be a great help.

9. Tripura is currently connected with rest of the country through OFC link. During natural calamities, disruptions of telecom link between Agartala and Guwahati often

happens due to OFC damage. In view of this, Indo-Bangla OFC link needs to be established to have redundancy. The International Internet Gateway (SEAMEWE4) via Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh has recently been launched, but for some reason the internet connectivity in the State has not improved noticeably. This needs to be looked into.

10. I specifically request the NEC authority to take immediate action for early sanction of 10 projects submitted by the State Government for the rapid development of the State, of which some important projects are as below:

- i) Quality improvement of Rural Water Supply Schemes in Tripura by way of Construction of 10000 GPH capacity modified type iron removal plants (IRP) attached to existing deep tube wells.
- ii) System improvement by renovation & re-strengthening of 66 KV S/C line from 132 KV Gamai Tilla to Gomati Hydel project via Amarpur.
- iii) Improvement of Udaipur-Jampuijala-Khumulwng (TTADC HQ) – Jirinia Road.
- iv) Improvement of Bishalgarh (NH-44) – Taksapara-Sonamura Road (32 KM).
- v) Improvement of Belonia-Hrishyamukh-Amlighat-Sabroom Road (83 KM)
- vi) Inter State Truck Terminus at Kameswar near Dharmanagar including Cold Storage & Warehouse.
- vii) Establishing a Regional Nursing College in Hapania.
- viii) Construction of 132 KV Transmission line from Ambassa to Gandacherra
- ix) Construction of 200-300 bedded District Yava Abas (Youth Hostel) in Dhalai District.
- x) Augmentation of the production potentials of Hybrid True Potato Seed at Horticulture Research Complex, Nagicherra.

11. A matter of vital importance to the State of Tripura is the repatriation of 35,000 internally displaced persons, known as Bru Reang, back to Mizoram. This problem is more than twenty years old and has the potential of becoming a hotbed of ethnic clashes, even insurgency. Some kind of stalemate is currently existing in this matter. It is strongly suggested that the Union Home Ministry take the initiative in this matter by sorting it out between the Governments of Tripura and Mizoram.

Thank You



Government of Tripura

Speech
of
Shri Manik Sarkar
Chief Minister, Tripura

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(Taken as read in absentia)

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Minister DoNER, Chairman, NEC Hon'ble Chief Ministers, Ministers, Distinguished Members of the Council, Officers of the Government of India and Officers of the North Eastern States, Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset I would like to thank for convening this Plenary of the NEC.

02. Our special thanks to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for remaining present in our midst. This will give an opportunity to the North Eastern States to sensitize the Union Government on developmental challenges and difficulties faced by them.
03. Let me refer to some of the basic issues relating to the North Eastern Region. Problems, we face in the region today, are attributed to decades' long deprivation, leading to poverty and unemployment which has got further compounded on account of geographical isolation, inadequate and fragile physical infrastructure. These, in turn, have restricted the flow of investment to harness its economic and commercial potential and generation of productive employment.
04. We have time and again spoken of our feeling of neglect. We have spent enough time discussing theories of development and uttering pious words of hope and wisdom. Now is the time for action. I am confident and hope that the personal intervention of the Hon'ble Prime Minister will go a long way to address various long pending issues for development of this region.
05. Our premise is very simple. The state exists for the people, especially for those that cannot fend for themselves. If we cannot ensure that the lives of the poorest of our people become livable, we shall have no right to claim that we have discharge our responsibility. Therefore, I urge that there should be State Specific long-term, middle-term and short-term plan to be prepared with help and guidance of the NEC and NITI Aayog for taking special and primary care of Physical infrastructure, Human Development including Healthcare & Education and Job Generation.
06. I would like to suggest some steps for improving the functioning of NEC, so that the NEC can effectively play its desired role for the development of the North Eastern Region. These are as follows:
 - a) The Minister of the DoNER should be in the rank of Union Cabinet Minister.
 - b) Hon'ble Union Home Minister and the Vice Chairman NITI Aayog, may be included as members of the NEC.
 - c) A Monitoring Cell under PMO may be set up to see the progress of various schemes in the region.
 - d) The NEC should convene two meetings at least in a year, one meeting could be for preparation of the NEC budget along with specific plans, and the second, for the effective and meaningful review of the schematic progress.
 - e) For better planning and development, it is proposed that the Sector Specific Committees may be constituted with the Chief Ministers. To start with such committees on (i) Connectivity (ii) Agriculture & Allied Sectors (iii) Power & Industry (iv) Education & Health Sector may be constituted.
 - f) There is a need to provide adequate allocation of funds. The trend of receiving less allocation has resulted in many decisions of the NEC remaining

unimplemented, and if, the present state continues, NEC would fall short of serving any meaningful purpose. This negative approach needs to be changed.

- e) The financial powers of NEC for sanction of projects are grossly inadequate. The Government of India had increased the powers of sanction of the Secretary, NEC from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 15 crore after a lot of persuasion for over a decade. I would suggest that further delegation of financial power may be enhanced adequately, by creating an appropriate mechanism for evaluation and sanction of Projects within the NEC.
 - h) The allocation of funds to various States in the North Eastern Region by the NEC has not been equitable. To remove any misunderstanding I would urge upon the NEC to work out a mechanism for equitable distribution of resources among the States in the Region.
07. I also take this opportunity to bring this matter to the notice of the Hon'ble Prime Minister that the NE States used to get fund as block grants from the erstwhile Planning Commission under Normal Central Assistance (NCA), Special Central Assistance (SCA) and Special Plan Assistance (SPA) for creation of infrastructure facilities and to bridge the Revenue gap. However, from the last financial year, with the creation of the NITI Aayog, we are not getting any such funds. This has created serious hardship in implementation of developmental projects. We have no other option but to approach the Union Government to help us to over-come this financial crunch and devolve necessary measures for subsequent years.
08. It is worthwhile to mention that this region has been facing continuous threat and challenges from various insurgent threat and challenges from various insurgent groups. It is primarily due to underdevelopment and backwardness. Therefore, there is a need of well thought strategy to mainstream the misguided youths by constructive dialogue and engagement with the active involvement of the Union Government. There is a need to have a composite package of the Government of India in place to address their concerns of a decent livelihood post their surrender.
09. At the same time, I take this opportunity to bring to the notice of Hon'ble Prime Minister, a long pending issue of Bru (Reang) Migrants from Mizoram who are staying in Tripura for last about 20 years. Their continued stay has been creating socio-economic and law & order problems. It is requested that the migrants may be repatriated to Mizoram at the earliest.
10. I am confident that the deliberations and the decisions of this meeting would, go a long way for faster development of the North Eastern Region.

Thank you all

PART H

ANY OTHER ITEMS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Following items were taken up with permission of the chair:

- (1) Sponsoring of students belonging to the BPL category parents for studying in ARPS in the North East
- (2) Upgradation on the Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research in Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.