

North-eastern Council Act, 1971

Section 4 - Functions of the Council

1[(1) The Council shall function as a regional planning body for the northeastern area.

(2) While formulating the regional plans for the north-eastern area, the Council shall give priority to schemes and projects which will benefit two or more States:

Provided that in case of Sikkim, the Council shall formulate specific projects and schemes for that State including the review of implementation of such projects and schemes.]

(3) The Council shall--

(a) review, from time to time, the implementation of the projects and schemes included in the regional plan and recommend measures for effecting co-ordination among the Governments of the States concerned in the matter of implementation of such projects and schemes;

(b) where a project or scheme is intended to benefit two or more States, recommend the manner in which,--

(i) such object or scheme may be executed or implemented and managed or maintained; or

(ii) the benefits therefrom may be shared; or

(iii) the expenditure thereon may be incurred;

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(d) recommend to the Government of the States concerned or to the Central Government the undertaking of necessary surveys and investigation of projects in any State represented in the Council to facilitate consideration of the feasibility of including new projects in the regional plan.

(4) The Council shall review from time to time the measures taken by the States represented in the Council for the maintenance of security and public order therein and recommend to the Governments of the States concerned further measures necessary in this regard.

3[(5) The Council shall have such power as may be delegated to it by the Central Government.]

1. Clause (1) and (2) Substituted by The North-Eastern Council (Amendment) Act, 2002 (68 of 2002). Prior to substitution it read as under:

"(1) The Council shall be an advisory body and may discuss any matter in which some or all of the States represented in that Council or the Union and one or more of the States represented in that Council, have a common interest and advise the Central Government and the Government of each State concerned as to the action to be taken on any such matter, and in particular, may discuss and make recommendations with regard to,-

(i) any matter of common interest in the field of economic and social planning;

(ii) any matter concerning inter-State transport and communications;

(iii) any matter relating to power or flood control projects of common interest.

(2) For securing the balanced development of the north-eastern area, the Council shall forward proposals,--

(a) formulating for the States represented in the Council a unified and coordinate regional plan (which will be in addition to the States Plan) in regard to matters of common importance to that area;

(b) regarding the proprieties of the projects and schemes included in the regional plan and the stages in which the regional plan may be implemented; and

(c) regarding the location of the projects and schemes included in the regional plan, to the Central Government for its consideration."

2. Clause (e) Omitted by The North-Eastern Council (Amendment) Act, 2002 (68 of 2002). Prior to omission it read as under:

"(c) on a review of progress of the expenditure, recommend to the Central Government the quantum of financial assistance to be given from time to time, to the State or States entrusted with the execution or implementation of any project or scheme included in the regional plan;"

3. Inserted by The North-Eastern Council (Amendment) Act, 2002 (68 of 2002)