

Regarding preservation of mountain ranges in the Himalayan ranges and granting of more funds by the 16th Finance Commission to the NorthEastern states for development of mountain ranges in the region

SHRI S. SUPONGMEREN JAMIR (NAGALAND): Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of this august House the issues of environmental pollution, climate problems, vegetation, and water treatment and river conservation.

Our country is facing all these problems. We cannot rely only on the modern technologies. I would like to know whether we have any policy to preserve the Himalayan mountain ranges alongside Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, and all the North-East States. We need to preserve the mountains. The Government should bring a policy or create a cell or a department to save our environment. The 15th Finance Commission granted funds for development based on population. But in the hilly areas, the population is always less.

So, my request is that the 16th Finance Commission may be asked to consider grant of more funds for development of North-East despite less population so that our mountain ranges can be developed. Thank you.