

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 26.07.2010
ANSWERED ON
PROJECTS UNDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SELF HELP GROUPS PROGRAMME

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

- (a) the present state of progress of the projects started under the Community Development Self Help Groups Programme initially funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development under the aegis of the Food and Agriculture Organisation, Rome;
- (b) whether the World Bank has taken over the responsibility for financing the projects;
- (c) whether plans are in hand for extending the projects to other locations in the North-Eastern Region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER, MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a) North Eastern Regional Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP), including the Community Development Self Help Groups Programme, completed its first phase in September 2008. It had a project cost of Rs.166.25 crore and was jointly funded by the North Eastern Council (NEC) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The IFAD extended a loan of US \$ 22.9 million for this project. NERCORMP-I project operated in Karbi Anglong and North Cachar Hills districts in Assam, Senapati and Ukhrul districts in Manipur, West Khasi Hills and West Garo Hills districts in Meghalaya. It is implemented across 860 villages covering 39,161 households.

(b) No, Sir.

(c)&(d) A supplementary loan of US \$ 20 million has recently been obtained from IFAD for NERCORMP-II, the second phase of the project. NERCORMP-II, with a total project cost of Rs. 200 crore, will operate in the same districts as that of NERCORMP-I covering 20,000 households across 400 new villages. Further, Planning Commission has also given 'in principle' approval for financing the NERCORMP-III under the budgetary provision of NEC to cover two new districts in Arunachal Pradesh, (Tirap and Changlang) and two new districts in Manipur (Churachandpur and Chandel) covering 58,850 households across 1,177 villages.