

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1779

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QUESTION
Development Initiative for North Eastern Region

1779 DR. RADHA MOHAN DAS AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) whether any Central Sector Scheme under “Prime Minister’s Development Initiative for North East Region” was announced in the budget for the year 2022-23 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has included any plan in the Scheme keeping in view the vast natural potential of the region; and
- (c) if so, the works approved, started, completed under the said Scheme along with their cost, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

The Minister of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Shri G. Kishan Reddy]

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister’s Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) Scheme was announced as a new Central Sector Scheme in the Union Budget 2022-23. The Cabinet approved the PMDevINE Scheme on 12 October, 2022. The Scheme with 100% Central funding, will have a total outlay of Rs. 6,600 crore for the 4 year period from 2022-23 to 2025-26 (remaining years of the 15th Finance Commission period).

The objectives of PM-DevINE are to: (i) Fund infrastructure convergently, in the spirit of PM GatiShakti; (ii) Support social development projects based on felt needs of the North Eastern Region (NER); (iii) Enable livelihood activities for youth and women; and (iv) Fill the development gaps in various sectors. PM-DevINE will not be a substitute for existing Central and State Schemes. It will lead to creation of infrastructure, support industries, social development projects and create livelihood activities for youth and women, thus leading to income and employment generation.

PM-DevINE scheme will be implemented by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) through North Eastern Council or Central Ministries/agencies or State Government agencies. To limit construction risk of time and cost overrun falling on the Government, projects would be implemented on Engineering-Procurement-Construction (EPC) basis, to the extent possible. To ensure sustainability of PM-DevINE projects, adequate arrangements for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of the assets will be made. It will be ensured that there is no duplication of project support with any of the other schemes of MDoNER or those of any other Ministry/Department.

For FY 2022-23, eleven projects (details in **Annexure-I**), including the seven projects announced in Budget 2022-23, have been selected for sanction.

Annexure-I to Part (a to c) of the Reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1779 dated 16.03.2023 regarding Development Initiative for North Eastern Region

S. No.	Name of the project	Approved Cost (in Rs. crore)
1	Establishment of Dedicated Services for the Management of Pediatric and Adult Hematolymphoid Cancers in North East India at Dr. B.Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI), Guwahati	129.00
2	NECTAR Livelihood Improvement Project (Multi-State): Value Chain on Utilization of Banana Pseudo Stem for Value-Added Products.	67.00
3	Promoting Scientific Organic Agriculture in North East India, using Improved Farming Technique & Digital Data Management through Capacity Building of Farmers and Facilitating Certification (Multi State)	45.00
4	Construction of Aizwal By-pass on Western Side in Mizoram	500.00
5	Construction and upgradation of Bamboo Link Roads - from Tuirial Airfield to North Chaltlang (18 km) at a cost of Rs. 33.58 crore ; and from Lengpui to Saiphai Bamboo Plantation (41 km) at a cost of Rs. 66.42 crore, in Mizoram	100.00
6	Gap funding for Passenger Ropeway System from Pelling to Sanga-Choeling in West Sikkim	64.00
7	Gap funding for Passenger Ropeway from Dhapper to Bhaleydung in South Sikkim	58.00
8	Transformation of 20 schools as Centre of Excellence in the Kamrup District of Assam by Public Works Department, Government of Assam	132.86
9	Construction of new four-lane road and conversion of existing two-lane road into four-lane with cycling tracks, utility ducts, footpaths, etc. at New Shillong Township by Directorate of Urban Affairs, Government of Meghalaya	146.79
10	Livelihood projects relating to Special Development of Eastern Nagaland by Department of Under Developed Areas (DUDA), Government of Nagaland	180.00
11	Establishment of Solar Micro Grid for supply of reliable power to Remote Habitations in Tripura by Department of Power, Government of Tripura	80.79
	Total	1503.44