

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

RAJYA SABHA
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QUESTION
Atma Nirbhar Hastshilpkar Scheme in Assam

357. Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:

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

- a) whether it is a fact that Government provides financial assistance under Atmanirbhar Hastshilpkar Scheme in Assam to develop the petty artisans of the North Eastern Region;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether Government has data of the number of artisans registered and benefited under Atmanirbhar Hastshilpkar Scheme since its inception for Assam;
- d) if so, the details of artisans registered so far, District-wise; and
- e) the details of the amount of funds utilized for credit assistance provided by Government under said scheme since its inception, District-wise?

ANSWER

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Dr. Sukanta Majumdar]

(a) to (c) : North Eastern Finance Development Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi), is a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) under administrative control of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. The Atma Nirbhar Hastshilpkar Scheme was launched by NEDFi, out of its own resources, on August 9, 2022, to support artisans & micro-entrepreneurs in the North Eastern Region. It is not a government sponsored scheme but an in-house initiative by NEDFi. As of October 2024, out of a total of 11,841 beneficiaries with a sanctioned amount of ₹137.77 crore across the North East, 7,391 beneficiaries in Assam have been supported, with a sanctioned amount of ₹84.92 crore.

(d) & (e): Details of the beneficiaries district wise attached at Annexure.

Annexure

Reply referred to part (d) & (e) of the RS USQ no. 357 dated 28.11.2024 regarding
Atma Nirbhar Hastshilpkar Scheme in Assam

| District Name | No. of Beneficiaries |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Kamrup (M) | 702 |
| Kamrup (Rural) | 960 |
| Darrang | 594 |
| Dima Hasao | 39 |
| Goalpara | 516 |
| Bongaigaon | 357 |
| Barpeta | 607 |
| Bajali | 44 |
| Baksa | 18 |
| Chirang | 30 |
| Nagaon | 138 |
| Nalbari | 339 |
| Karbi Anglong | 40 |
| Dhemaji | 141 |
| Hojai | 163 |
| Dhubri | 65 |
| Udalguri | 126 |
| Kokrajhar | 278 |
| Morigaon | 164 |
| Sonitpur | 365 |
| Hailakandi | 356 |
| Tinsukia | 69 |
| Tamulpur | 1 |
| Cachar | 1135 |
| Jorhat | 100 |
| Majuli | 3 |
| Golaghat | 18 |
| South Salmara | 12 |
| Karimganj | 11 |
| Total | 7391 |
