

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. *46

To be answered on
Thursday, July 24, 2025/ 2 Sravana, 1947 (Saka)

QUESTION
North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme

***46. Dr. Syed Naseer Hussain:**

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

- (a) whether Government has reviewed the effectiveness of the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) in enhancing infrastructure connectivity across the North East States, especially in rural areas, State-wise;
- (b) the specific metrics or benchmarks used to assess the impact of NESIDS on economic development and access to services in the last three years; and
- (c) whether there have been any expansions under NESIDS to cover emerging sectors, considering the need for resilient infrastructure in the region?

ANSWER
The Minister of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia]

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
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SPECIAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME”**

(a) to (c) The North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) was introduced as a Central sector Scheme in 2017-18. The broad objective of NESIDS is to ensure focused development of North Eastern Region by providing financial assistance to the eight North Eastern States for projects pertaining to water supply, power, connectivity, infrastructure creation in primary and secondary sectors of education and health, etc.

The Third-Party Evaluation of the NESIDS was carried out in 2021 in terms of its relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability. The overall impact of the Scheme was assessed based on the feedback received from the State Governments, implementing agencies and the beneficiaries. It was observed in the findings of the third party evaluation report that the construct of the Scheme was convergent and collaborative in nature, in which the Central and State Governments have leveraged respective strengths in technical, infrastructural and social paradigms, to deliver effective projects in all the eight North Eastern States.

Based on the recommendations of the third party evaluation report, the Government extended the implementation period of NESIDS for a period of 4 years from 2022-23 to 2025-26. However, the Government restructured the NESIDS into two components viz. NESIDS (Roads) and NESIDS (Other Than Roads Infrastructure) while granting extension of the NESIDS w.e.f 2022-23.
