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QUESTION

Investment events showcasing economic potential of NER

2107# Shri Pradip Kumar Varma:

Will the Minister of **Development of North Eastern Region** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of major investment events recently organized to showcase the economic potential of the North Eastern Region (NER);
- (b) the details of key achievements in terms of investment interests or partnerships resulting from these initiatives;
- (c) the steps taken by financial institutions to improve credit availability, expansion of bank branches and access to digital payments in the region; and
- (d) the role of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi) and other agencies in promoting development of enterprises, start-ups and MSMEs?

ANSWER

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
(Dr. Sukanta Majumdar)

(a) and (b) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) organized Rising Northeast Investors Summit 2025 to catalyze trade and investment in the North Eastern Region. The focus sectors of the summit identified for attracting investment in the North Eastern Region were Tourism and Hospitality; Agro-Food Processing & allied sectors; Textiles, Handloom and Handicrafts; Healthcare; Education and Skill Development; IT/ITeS; Entertainment & Sports; Infrastructure and Logistics; and Energy. Collectively, the Summit and its pre-event roadshows garnered investment interests of ₹ 4.48 lakh crore through Memoranda of Understanding (MoU), letters of intent, and qualified leads from private investors, public sector undertakings, and major industrial conglomerates.

(c) and (d) The government has announced Mutual Credit Guarantees Schemes for MSMEs (MCGS-MSME), a government backed initiative designed to help Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) access loans to grow their businesses. This scheme offers a credit guarantees, making it easier for MSMEs to obtain loans, especially for purchasing

essential equipment and machinery. Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE) was approved on 12.11.2025 to provide additional credit support up to 20% of existing working capital limits to eligible borrowers, particularly MSMEs.

Department of Posts (DoP) ensures financial inclusion and digital payments through its Post Office Saving Banks (POSB) services and India Post Payments Bank (IPPB). DoP is working towards digitalization & financial inclusion by offering a wide range of products & services to the last-mile customer with affordability & accessibility through the network of Post Offices in the North Eastern Region.

North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi) plays a pivotal role in strengthening the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in the North Eastern Region (NER) by providing financial support for industrial, infrastructure and agri-allied projects. NEDFi undertakes wide range of entrepreneurship development and ecosystem-strengthening initiatives. It organises business meets across all North Eastern States to raise awareness about entrepreneurial opportunities, government schemes and institutional support. Through its Business Facilitation Centres, NEDFi provides first-generation entrepreneurs with guidance in project preparation, financial planning, credit linkages and market access. Under its Sustainable Livelihood Programmes, artisans engaged in traditional crafts such as bamboo, banana fibre and handloom have received skill development and marketing support through exhibitions and dedicated showrooms. NEDFi is contributing for development of startup ecosystem of North East Region through North East Venture Fund (NEVF). In addition, NEDFi has been supporting the startups from the region by handholding and mentoring support.
