

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2008
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY 10th March 2026
[19 PHALGUNA, 1947 (SAKA)]

“Budget allocation to North Eastern Region”

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

- (a) the total allocated amount for North Eastern Region development in 2026-27 Budget;
- (b) whether any roadmap or plan is created towards the agricultural development in the region; and
- (c) the total allocated amount for developing Buddhist Circuits across the North Eastern Region?

REPLY

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)**

(a) The total allocation for North Eastern Region in 2026-27 Budget (Budget Estimates) is ₹108335.42 crore.

(b) The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has laid down a comprehensive roadmap for agricultural development through targeted missions, digital transformation, infrastructure strengthening and income support measures for the country, including the North Eastern Region. Major initiatives include the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses and the National Mission on Edible Oils–Oilseeds to enhance domestic production and reduce import dependence; the National Food Security and Nutrition Mission for increasing production and productivity and food security; and the Digital Agriculture Mission to build a robust digital agriculture ecosystem through the creation of key Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) components such as Agristack and Agri-DSS.

(c) The Ministry of Tourism under its various schemes such as Swadesh Darshan Scheme, Swadesh Darshan 2.0, Challenge Based Destination Development (an initiative under Swadesh Darshan) and PRASHAD Scheme provides financial assistance to the State Governments, including the North Eastern Region, for development of tourism infrastructure and experiences in the country. Development of tourism destinations and circuits, including Buddhist related tourism sites in the North Eastern Region, is considered under these

schemes. An amount of Rs.227 cr has been allocated for the North Eastern Region under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Union Budget 2026-27. This is towards development of theme-based tourist circuits on the principles of high tourist value, competitiveness and sustainability in an integrated manner by synergizing efforts to focus on needs and concerns of all stakeholders to enrich tourist experience and enhance employment opportunities.
