

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 74
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2026

DEVELOPMENT OF GATI SHAKTI CARGO TERMINALS IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION

*74# SHRI RAJIB BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken special initiatives to develop new terminals under Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal scheme with the aim of promoting industry, agriculture and trade in the North-Eastern region;
- (b) the number of Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals approved in the North-Eastern States so far;
- (c) the extent of benefits derived by the export of agricultural produce, horticultural products, tea and bamboo products from these terminals; and
- (d) the action plan of Government for setting up new Cargo Terminals in the North-Eastern region during the financial year 2026–27?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.74 BY SHRI RAJIB BHATTACHARJEE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 24.07.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF GATI SHAKTI CARGO TERMINALS IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION

(a) to (d) : In order to encourage setting up of cargo terminals through private investment, ‘Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT)’ policy has been launched. Location of the GCTs is decided on the basis of demand from industry, potential of Cargo traffic, availability of railway infrastructure and overall logistics potential of the area.

So far, 142 Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals (GCTs) have been commissioned, including 4 GCTs in North Eastern Region. The 142 commissioned GCTs have an estimated freight handling capacity of 224 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). The policy has mobilized private investment of approximately ₹10,000 crore through these GCTs. Freight handled at these GCTs during 2025-26 is 146 MT. Detail of GCTs commissioned in North-Eastern Region are as under:

SN	Serving Station / location	STATE	District
1	Moinarband	Assam	Cachar
2	Cinnamara	Assam	Jorhat
3	Baihata	Assam	Kamrup
4	Habaipur	Assam	Hojai

In addition to above, In-Principle Approvals (IPAs) have been granted for the development of GCTs at 310 more locations, including 8 locations in North-Eastern Region (comprising 7 terminals in Assam and 1 terminal in Tripura). These projects are currently at various stages of implementation and commissioning. Detail of locations where IPAs issued in North-Eastern region are as under -

SN	Serving Station / location	STATE
1	Jogighopa	Assam
2	Kendukona	Assam
3	Basugaon	Assam
4	Chapar	Assam
5	Panchgram	Assam

6	Hilara	Assam
7	Bihara	Assam
8	Sekerkote	Tripura

The Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals cater to a wide range of commodities including cement, steel, foodgrains, fertilizers, coal, fly ash, minerals, petroleum, containers, automobiles, agricultural produce and other bulk as well as non-bulk commodities. The policy has benefited key sectors such as cement, steel, power, mining, agriculture, logistics and manufacturing by providing improved rail connectivity and modern cargo handling infrastructure.

The development of GCTs has enhanced rail freight movement through faster and more efficient loading/unloading, reduced first-mile and last-mile logistics costs, improved wagon turnaround, and facilitated modal shift of freight from road to rail, thereby improving the overall efficiency and competitiveness of rail-based logistics.

The Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal (GCT) Policy has facilitated the development of modern multimodal cargo terminals closer to production and consumption centres, thereby improving rail connectivity for local industries, agricultural produce and other commodities. The policy has enabled creation of warehousing, silos, cold storage and other value-added logistics facilities. This has enhanced the competitiveness of local industries and farmers while generating employment and promoting regional economic development.
