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WELFARE OF SENIOR CITIZENS AND PWDS IN NORTH EASTERN STATES

450. SHRI TERASH GOWALLA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of Government schemes implemented for senior citizens and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in Assam and other North Eastern States;
- (b) the funds sanctioned and released during the last five years;
- (c) the district-wise beneficiaries; and
- (d) whether new rehabilitation centres are proposed in the region?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) to (c) The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing an umbrella scheme Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana (AVYAY) for the welfare of the senior citizens across the country including the state of Assam and the North Eastern States. Component-wise details along with the funds released during the last five years and the beneficiaries, are given at **Annexure I**.

The details of schemes being implemented by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for the welfare of persons with disabilities are given at **Annexure II**.

(d) Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities runs the Pradhan Mantri Divyasha-Vayoshri Kendra (PMDVKs) for the welfare of senior citizens and persons with disabilities. At present, ALIMCO has opened 11 Pradhan Mantri Divyasha-Vayoshri Kendra (PMDVKs) in the Northeast region. ALMICO assesses the need for the opening of new centers from time to time and accordingly takes action.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a)-(c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 450 for answer on 22.07.2026, raised by Shri Terash Gowalla.

Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) has following components: -

- i. **Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC)** - Grant in aid is provided to Non-Governmental/ Voluntary Organisations for running and maintenance of senior citizen homes (old age homes), continuous care homes, etc. Facilities like shelter, nutrition, medicare and entertainments are provided free of cost to indigent senior citizens.

Funds released in last five years and beneficiaries are as below-

Funds released and beneficiary details for last five financial years under IPSrC Scheme											
(Rs. in lakh)											
Sl. No.	States/Uts	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
		Funds released	No. of beneficiaries	Funds released	No. of beneficiaries	Funds released	No. of beneficiaries	Funds released	No. of beneficiaries	Funds released	No. of beneficiaries
1	Arunachal Pradesh	15.58	50.00	0.00	0.00	8.25	50.00	0.00	0.00	8.55	75
2	Assam	696.15	25365.00	609.32	15475.00	710.05	25690.00	769.90	20865.00	545.90	15895
3	Manipur	518.60	10450.00	349.37	700.00	772.55	1975.00	968.94	16425.00	938.88	11625
4	Meghalaya	93.96	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
5	Mizoram	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.35	0.00	7.71	0
6	Nagaland	10.72	50.00	20.77	50.00	52.60	275.00	61.85	325.00	144.76	550
7	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
8	Tripura	0.00	0.00	17.44	25.00	29.91	50.00	42.66	100.00	5.87	50

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- ii. **State Action Plan for Senior Citizens (SAPSrC)**- Under State Action Plan for Senior Citizens (SAPSrC), the Government perceives a major and critical role of all State Governments in partnering and implementing the Action Plan for welfare of senior citizens. Grant in aid is provided to States/ UTs for activities like awareness generation, sensitization, cataract surgeries and State specific activities.

Funds released in last five years and beneficiaries is as follows-

In Crores						
Sl. No.	State/UT	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
1	ARUNACHAL PRADESH					-
2	ASSAM	0.22		7.79		2.518726
3	MANIPUR		0.96	3.83		0
4	MEGHALAYA					-
5	MIZORAM					1.88548
6	NAGALAND	1.98	0.82	1.23	0.775	4.6085
7	SIKKIM	0.16	0.88		0.275	0.952113
8	TRIPURA				0.0948	0.855965
	TOTAL	2.36	11.74	21.19	16.9122	48.0537676

- iii. **Elderline**- A National Helpline for Senior Citizens (NHSC) is a toll- free number (14567) operating for 12 hours a day (8:00 AM to 8:00 PM) that provides free Information, Guidance, Emotional Support and Field Intervention in cases of abuse and rescues in order to improve the quality of life of senior citizens. This helpline was dedicated to the Nation on 01.10.2021 by Hon'ble Vice President of India. As per the Scheme Guidelines, the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) is the Central Nodal Agency (CNA) for Elder Line. No separate state-wise allocations are made under Elderline.
- iv. **Rashtriya Vayoshree Yojana (RVY)**- 'Rashtriya Vayoshree Yojana (RVY)' objective is to provide senior citizens, belonging to BPL category or the senior citizen with the monthly income not more than Rs. 15,000/- and suffering from age related disabilities/ infirmities, with such physical aids and assisted living devices which can restore near normalcy in their bodily functions. The scheme was launched on 01.04.2017. The Scheme is implemented through the 'Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (ALIMCO)', (a Central Public Sector Enterprise) as the sole implementing Agency.

During the period from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 (last five years), assistive devices amounting to Rs. 63.67 crores have been distributed under the RVY Scheme in Assam and other North Eastern States.

District wide number of beneficiaries served under RVY scheme from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 (last five years) in Assam and other North Eastern States is enclosed as **Appendix A**

- v. **Seniorcare Ageing Growth Engine (SAGE)** - SAGE objective is to promote out-of-the-box and innovative solutions for the commonly faced problems, innovative start-ups would be identified and encouraged for developing products, processes and services for the welfare of the elderly.
- vi. **Training of Geriatric Care Givers-** The main objective is to bridge the gap in supply and increasing demand in the field of geriatric caregivers so as to provide more professional services to the senior citizens and also to create a cadre of professional care givers in the field of geriatrics. National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) is the implementing agency for the scheme component. No separate State-wise allocations are made under this component.
- vii. **Other Initiatives for Senior Citizens:** In order to solve the problems of healthy and productive ageing, several initiatives are being done across the country. The proposed initiatives are aimed at involving the elders in building up knowledge which can be useful for the society as a whole. No separate State-wise allocations are made under this component.

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- I. The Department is implementing the Scheme of 'Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids /Appliances (ADIP)' which include eligible senior citizens also. Under this scheme, funds are released to various Implementing Agencies for providing aids & assistive devices to the eligible persons with disabilities (PwDs) across the country including Assam and North Eastern States.
- Being a central Sector Scheme, no state-wise allocation is made under the ADIP Scheme. However, state-wise and district-wise details of funds utilized and number of beneficiaries covered under the ADIP Scheme during the last five years in North Eastern states including Assam is at **Appendix- B**.
- II. Further, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) is implementing the Awareness Generation & Publicity (AGP) Scheme as a component of the Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA) across the country, including Assam and other North Eastern States. The Scheme aims to create awareness about the rights, entitlements, welfare measures and programmes for empowerment of persons with disabilities and to sensitize Government functionaries, service providers and the general public on disability-related issues. The number of Awareness Generation programmes conducted in Assam and other North Eastern States during the last five years is as under:

Financial Year	Number of Awareness Generation Programmes
2022-23	2
2023-24	Nil
2024-25	9
2025-26	12
2026-27 (as on 10.07.2026)	3

The funds sanctioned and released during the last five years in respect of the AGP scheme are as under:

Financial Year	Grants-in-aid released (in Rs.)
2022-23	99,100
2023-24	Nil
2024-25	35,93,956
2025-26	59,69,105
2026-27 (As on 10.07.2026)	5,23,800

- III. The information in respect of the Cross Disability Early Intervention Centre (CDEIC), a sub-scheme under the SIPDA scheme, may be seen as **Appendix C**.
- IV. DePWD is also implementing the 'Scholarship Scheme for Students with Disabilities' on a Pan India basis, including Assam and other North Eastern States. The main objective of the scheme is to empower students with disabilities to continue their studies so that they can earn their livelihood and get a respectable place in the society as they face many obstacles related to physical, financial, psychological in continuing their studies and living a respectable life. The scheme consists of the following six components:-
- Pre-matric (for classes IX and X).
 - Post-matric (for classes XI to postgraduate degree/diploma).
 - Higher education (for undergraduate and postgraduate degree/diploma in notified institutions of excellence in education).
 - National Fellowship (for M.Phil and Ph.D. in Indian universities).
 - National Overseas Scholarship (for postgraduate degree/doctorate from foreign universities).
 - Free coaching (for government recruitment examinations and entrance examinations to technical and professional courses).

The details of funds released along with beneficiaries during the last five years in the state of Assam and other North-Eastern States are as follows:

State/UT	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
	Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	0.05
Assam	783	2.02	71	0.67	322	1.07	60	0.20	545	2.01
Manipur	0	0.00	32	0.11	27	0.16	28	0.06	107	0.32
Meghalaya	6	0.06	5	0.01	22	0.05	4	0.03	67	0.19
Mizoram	11	0.02	12	0.14	2	0.07	0	0.00	15	0.05
Nagaland	6	0.01	2	0.00	7	0.01	1	0.00	11	0.03
Sikkim	3	0.00	1	0.00	1	0.00	74	0.17	16	0.08
Tripura	186	1.19	245	0.48	329	1.86	72	0.14	246	0.68

In addition, all the sub schemes are Central Sector Scheme and implemented pan India basis. There is no separate State/District wise budgetary allocation under the said scheme and accordingly, the district-wise beneficiary/fund release data is not being maintained centrally.

- V. The National Action Plan for Skill Development of Divyangjan (NAP-Skill provides skill development opportunities to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the age group of 15 to 59 years. The objective of the scheme is to enhance their skills for gainful employment and to facilitate their transition towards self-reliance and economic participation. The skill training is provided through Government and
- VI. non-Government organizations empanelled as Training Partners with the Department. The NAP-SDP scheme is demand-driven and not region-Specific. During the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26, an amount of ₹35.63 Crore has been released for imparting skill training to the PwDs under the scheme (this figure is at national level and not region-specific).
- VII. Unique Disability ID (UDID) Scheme: It is a flagship initiative of the Government of India where hospitals notified by the State/UT Government has been onboarded for issuance of disability certificates and UDID cards through the centralized UDID portal (<https://swavlambancard.gov.in/>) to the eligible applicants who have applied through the portal. The UDID sub-scheme is not beneficiary oriented scheme hence no fund has been released directly to Senior citizen or PwDs.
- VIII. Under the Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS), financial assistance is provided to voluntary organizations to make available a range of services necessary for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, including early intervention, development of daily living skills, education and training with a view to inclusion of persons with disabilities in the mainstream of society and actualizing their potential, the thrust is on education and training programmes. Details of GIA released and the number of beneficiaries in North Eastern States including Assam during the last five years is attached as **Appendix-D**.

Appendix referred to in Annexure I of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 450 for answer on 22.07.2026, raised by Shri Terash Gowalla.

District-wise details under Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana for last five years-

State Name	District Name	No. of Beneficiaries	No. of Appliances	Value of Appliances (in Rs.)
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	ANJAW	0	0	0
	BICHOM	0	0	0
	CHANGLANG	14	72	1,52,525.00
	DIBANG VALLEY	0	0	0
	EAST KAMENG	0	0	0
	EAST SIANG	0	0	0
	Kamle	0	0	0
	KEYI PANYOR	0	0	0
	Kra Daadi	0	0	0
	KURUNG KUMEY	0	0	0
	LEPARADA	0	0	0
	LOHIT	0	0	0
	Longding	0	0	0
	LOWER DIBANG VALLEY	0	0	0
	Lower Siang	0	0	0
	LOWER SUBANSIRI	0	0	0
	Namsai	393	1914	31,63,879.00
	PAKKE KESSANG	0	0	0
	PAPUM PARE	1070	4786	75,11,207.11
	SHI YOMI	0	0	0
	Siang	0	0	0
	TAWANG	0	0	0
	TIRAP	0	0	0
	UPPER SIANG	0	0	0
	UPPER SUBANSIRI	0	0	0
	WEST KAMENG	0	0	0
	WEST SIANG	568	5554	55,85,833.00
ASSAM	BAJALI	0	0	0
	BAKSA	1408	8026	1,25,49,601.03
	BARPETA	2524	13142	2,96,31,982.47
	BISWANATH	0	0	0
	BONGAIGAON	0	0	0
	CACHAR	2389	10404	1,79,29,460.00
	CHARAIDEO	0	0	0
	CHIRANG	911	4315	76,69,931.73
	DARRANG	1430	8195	1,37,80,072.83
	DHEMAJI	448	2322	42,83,294.00
	DHUBRI	1365	7685	1,38,83,579.00
	DIBRUGARH	0	0	0
	DIMA HASAO	0	0	0
	GOALPARA	0	0	0
	GOLAGHAT	3769	15455	2,09,57,181.00
	HAILAKANDI	0	0	0
	HOJAI	794	4068	81,98,436.00

	JORHAT	1513	7160	1,10,86,759.00
	KAMRUP	1892	9814	1,83,02,050.64
	KAMRUP METRO	986	4341	95,33,304.38
	KARBI ANGLONG	0	0	0
	KARIMGANJ	741	3865	69,22,461.00
	KOKRAJHAR	1247	16340	2,04,29,746.30
	LAKHIMPUR	2642	13407	2,25,72,902.00
	MAJULI	0	0	0
	MARIGAON	0	0	0
	NAGAON	24	96	2,27,299.00
	NALBARI	4	11	44,415.40
	SIVASAGAR	954	4871	96,46,416.00
	SONITPUR	2268	10497	1,50,75,411.00
	SOUTH SALMARA MANCACHAR	11385	43933	9,03,62,855.36
	TAMULPUR	347	2103	37,61,341.34
	TINSUKIA	0	0	0
	UDALGURI	28	70	2,58,625.00
	West Karbi Anglong	0	0	0
MANIPUR	BISHNUPUR	1237	5762	1,14,33,508.79
	CHANDEL	70	342	4,83,176.00
	CHURACHANDPUR	16	88	1,79,967.00
	IMPHAL EAST	898	3763	64,61,310.00
	IMPHAL WEST	2762	11890	2,29,31,021.77
	Jiribam	0	0	0
	Kakching	554	1901	61,27,104.28
	Kamjong	0	0	0
	KANGPOKPI	0	0	0
	NONEY	0	0	0
	Pherzawl	0	0	0
	SENAPATI	725	3597	76,08,783.60
	TAMENGLONG	0	0	0
	Tengnoupal	0	0	0
	THOUBAL	89	432	5,94,493.00
	UKHRUL	0	0	0
MEGHALAYA	EAST GARO HILLS	0	0	0
	EAST JAINTIA HILLS	0	0	0
	EAST KHASI HILLS	876	4177	77,29,575.95
	EASTERN WEST KHASI HILLS	0	0	0
	NORTH GARO HILLS	0	0	0
	Ri Bhoi	1238	6430	1,09,92,089.00
	SOUTH GARO HILLS	0	0	0
	SOUTH WEST GARO HILLS	0	0	0
	SOUTH WEST KHASI HILLS	0	0	0
	WEST GARO HILLS	0	0	0
	WEST JAINTIA HILLS	0	0	0
	WEST KHASI HILLS	1113	3942	52,07,177.00
MIZORAM	AIZAWL	2017	7751	1,51,14,138.81
	CHAMPHAI	0	0	0
	Hnahthial	0	0	0
	KHAWZAWL	0	0	0
	KOLASIB	0	0	0

	LAWNGTLAI	0	0	0
	LUNGLEI	1055	3876	75,73,038.00
	MAMIT	0	0	0
	SAITUAL	0	0	0
	SERCHHIP	364	2565	37,99,375.00
	SIAHA	0	0	0
NAGALAND	CHUMOUKEDIMA	0	0	0
	DIMAPUR	2987	13004	2,70,79,089.32
	KIPHIRE	12	93	2,17,990.53
	KOHIMA	25	99	2,10,452.00
	LONGLENG	1507	7436	94,32,511.26
	MELURI	0	0	0
	MOKOKCHUNG	995	5525	1,22,10,298.92
	MON	0	0	0
	NIULAND	0	0	0
	Noklak	0	0	0
	PEREN	989	4194	87,90,329.00
	PHEK	0	0	0
	SHAMATOR	0	0	0
	Tseminyu	0	0	0
	TUENSANG	2150	10838	1,97,99,545.00
	WOKHA	277	1295	23,86,309.94
	ZUNHEBOTO	0	0	0
SIKKIM	GANGTOK	712	3862	69,28,216.21
	GYALSHING	37	163	2,57,504.39
	MANGAN	0	0	0
	NAMCHI	515	2895	56,68,996.00
	Pakyong	0	0	0
	Soreng	0	0	0
TRIPURA	DHALAI	1025	4414	62,27,745.84
	GOMATI	1233	5133	1,01,19,237.89
	KHOWAI	1407	11942	1,25,55,667.00
	NORTH TRIPURA	127	611	11,53,648.00
	SEPAHIJALA	116	521	9,79,901.00
	SOUTH TRIPURA	2316	10866	2,28,73,238.54
	UNAKOTI	6	11	39,226.72
	WEST TRIPURA	3008	15378	3,00,24,844.73
Grand Total :		73572	357242	63,67,10,079.08

State Name	District Name	No.of Covered	beneficiaries	Funds utilized (Rs.in Lakhs)
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	Anjaw	0		0
	Bichom	0		0
	Changlang	167		10.29
	Dibang Valley	0		0
	East Kameng	0		0
	East Siang	0		0
	Kamle	0		0
	Keyi Panyor	0		0
	Kra Daadi	0		0
	Kurung Kumey	0		0
	Leparada	0		0
	Lohit	0		0
	Longding	0		0
	Lower Dibang Valley	3		0.25
	Lower Siang	0		0
	Lower Subansiri	0		0
	Namsai	37		3.71
	Pakke Kessang	0		0
	Papum Pare	133		16.97
	Shi Yomi	0		0
	Siang	0		0
	Tawang	0		0
	Tirap	0		0
	Upper Siang	0		0
	Upper Subansiri	0		0
	West Kameng	0		0
	West Siang	186		16.2
	Total	526		47.42
ASSAM	Bajali	0		0
	Baksa	1525		116.5
	Barpeta	4652		348.96
	Biswanath	2253		204.51
	Bongaigaon	2232		158.33
	Cachar	4274		364.8
	Charaideo	818		69.74
	Chirang	898		68.85
	Darrang	3126		225.13
	Dhemaji	1392		123.59
	Dhubri	2686		249.21
	Dibrugarh	1356		126.07
	Dima Hasao	275		21.07
	Goalpara	4337		381.02
	Golaghat	2606		226.73
	Hailakandi	650		51.94
	Hojai	1121		126.81
	Jorhat	2422		209.14
	Kamrup	2831		262.75
	Kamrup Metro	2874		345.49
	Karbi Anglong	2832		192.18
	Karimganj	2380		210.82
	Kokrajhar	1820		170.06
	Lakhimpur	2827		250.26
	Majuli	89		7.99
	Marigaon	1743		147.68
	Nagaon	7766		670.73
	Nalbari	633		50.35

	Sivasagar	1668	142.52
	Sonitpur	3863	397.2
	South Salmara Mancachar	1015	88.41
	Tamulpur	208	15.03
	Tinsukia	731	64.38
	Udalguri	1168	107.03
	West Karbi Anglong	60	4.58
	Total	71131	6199.86
MANIPUR	Bishnupur	165	13.26
	Chandel	33	0.83
	Churachandpur	110	9.41
	Imphal East	377	28.25
	Imphal West	1146	131.14
	Jiribam	0	0
	Kakching	141	14.22
	Kamjong	0	0
	Kangpokpi	0	0
	Noney	84	7.25
	Pherzawl	0	0
	Senapati	92	9.83
	Tamenglong	0	0
	Tengnoupal	0	0
	Thoubal	8	0.56
	Ukhrul	18	1.04
	Total	2174	215.79
MEGHALAYA	East Garo Hills	131	9.73
	East Jaintia Hills	105	6.73
	East Khasi Hills	2522	186.57
	Eastern West Khasi Hills	82	5.48
	North Garo Hills	76	5.82
	Ri Bhoi	499	44.69
	South Garo Hills	118	9.66
	South West Garo Hills	211	18.25
	South West Khasi Hills	131	10.3
	West Garo Hills	241	20.01
	West Jaintia Hills	491	32.92
	West Khasi Hills	464	36.47
	Total	5071	386.63
MIZORAM	Aizawl	660	39.92
	Champhai	0	0
	Hnahthial	0	0
	Khawzawl	151	13.15
	Kolasib	3	0.09
	Lawngtlai	0	0
	Lunglei	72	7.35
	Mamit	0	0
	Saitual	0	0
	Serchhip	71	6.1
	Siaha	0	0
	Total	957	66.61
NAGALAND	Chumoukedima	0	0
	Dimapur	320	28
	Kiphire	34	2.12
	Kohima	73	6.44
	Longleng	329	13.54
	Meluri	0	0
	Mokokchung	117	8.56
	Mon	291	19.71
	Niuland	0	0

	Noklak	0	0
	Peren	0	0
	Phek	0	0
	Shamator	0	0
	Tseminyu	0	0
	Tuensang	480	38.52
	Wokha	48	3.16
	Zunheboto	148	11.58
	Total	1840	131.63
SIKKIM	Gangtok	217	17.29
	Gyalshing	1	0.08
	Mangan	0	0
	Namchi	18	1.52
	Pakyong	0	0
	Soreng	0	0
	Total	236	18.89
TRIPURA	Dhalai	652	64.85
	Gomati	1311	100.05
	Khowai	298	22.5
	North Tripura	1479	110.12
	Sepahijala	712	65.67
	South Tripura	1360	109.13
	Unakoti	658	38.76
	West Tripura	2146	215.07
	Total	8616	726.15

Appendix referred to in Annexure II of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 450 for answer on 22.07.2026, raised by Shri Terash Gowalla.

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) implements Cross Disability Early Intervention Centre (CDEIC) sub-scheme under the SIPDA scheme. Under the scheme, single window Cross Disability Early Intervention Centres (CDEICs) have been launched in various National Institutes (NIs) and Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) under DEPwD to give focused attention to children in the age bracket of 0-6 years. The CDEICs are equipped to provide services for screening and identification facilities for identification of risk cases and referring for appropriate rehabilitative services; therapeutic Services viz. Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Parental/Peer Counseling. At present, 28 CDEICs have been approved in National Institutes and Composite Regional Centres in various States/UTs. Out of these, 2 CDEICs are present in North Eastern states namely at CRC Guwahati and CRC Imphal.

Further, the details of schemes of the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation (Intellectual Disability) and Multiple Disabilities being implemented for Persons with these categories of disabilities in Assam and other North Eastern States are as under –

There are 6 Disha centres in Assam and North Eastern States, as per detail given below-

S No.	State	District	Organization Name	Postal Address	Mobile No	Email
1	Assam	Dibrugarh	Mrinaljyoti Rehabilitation Centre	Mrinaljyoti Rehabilitation Centre, Kumudnagar Duliajan, District: Dibrugarh, State: Assam, Pin Code:786602	9954487893	mrinaljyoti@yahoo.co.in
2	Assam	Jorhat	PreronaPratibandhi Sishu Bikash Kendra	Prerona Pratibandhi Sishu Bikash Kendra, Cinnamara, Jorhat-8	9854044474	prerona123@rediffmail.com
3	Assam	Kamrup Metro	Shishu Sarothi Centre For Rehabilitation And Training For Multiple Disability,	Off, RK Mission Rd, Birubari, Guwahati, Assam 781016	9435040607	shishusarothi@gmail.com
4	Manipur	Imphal West	Handicapped Development Foundation	Sagolband Tera Pukhri Mapal Near Kebol Highschool, Imphal West - 795001, Manipur	8132097286	hdfoundationmanipur@gmail.com
5	Manipur	Churachandpur	The Malsawm Initiative Run By Centre For Community Initiative	Nehru Marg, Central Lamka, Churachandpur 795128, Manipur	91 9612153082	info@communityinitiative.in
6	Meghalaya	East Khasi Hills	Bethany Society, Jyoti Sroat School,	Bethany Society Lady Veronica Lane, Laitumkhrach opposite Bansara Eye Care Shillong Meghalaya - 793003	8837065270	bethanyngo1981@gmail.com learningsanctuary@bethanysociety.org

Samarth (Respite Care Scheme) - The objective of Samarth scheme is to provide respite care home for orphans or abandoned, families in crisis and also for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) from BPL & LIG families including destitute with at least one of the four disabilities covered under the National Trust Act. The scheme provides for creating opportunities for family members to get respite time in order to fulfil other responsibilities. Under the Scheme Samarth Centres are set up for providing group home facility for all age groups with adequate and quality care service with acceptable living standards including provision of basic medical care from professional doctors.

There is 1 Samarth Center in Assam, as per detail given below-

S. No	State	District	Organization Name	Postal Address	Mobile No	Email
1	Assam	Cachar	Deshabandhu Club	PO. Behara Bazar, Cachar, Assam, Pin- 788817	9101237195	deshabandhuclub@rediffmail.com

Niramaya (Health Insurance Scheme) – The National Trust is implementing Niramaya - Health Insurance Scheme for persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disabilities and Multiple Disabilities. Under the Scheme, there is an insurance cover of Rs.1 lakh, which covers OPD, Diagnostic Test, Therapies, Corrective Surgeries, Alternative Medicine and Transportation. There is no age bar for enrolment under the scheme, and the treatment can be taken from any authorized medical practitioner/health care center. Any person with the aforesaid conditions can avail benefit by paying a nominal fee. The enrolment/renewal fee is not charged for Divyangjan who have Legal Guardian other than natural parents.

In Assam and other North Eastern States, the number of beneficiaries enrolled during 2025-2026 is as under -

Sl. No.	States	Physical (No of Benef.)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	4
2	Assam	331
3	Manipur	493
4	Meghalaya	329
5	Mizoram	88
6	Nagaland	18
7	Sikkim	76
8	Tripura	301

The funds sanctioned and released to CDEICs in North Eastern region during the last 5 years are as under:

(Amount in Rupees)

S. No.	CDEIC at	State	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	Total funds released
1.	CRC Guwahati	Assam	0	9,00,000/-	7,90,000/-	16,47,274	38,70,266/-	72,07,540/-
2.	CRC Imphal	Manipur	0	0	0	23,13,198/-	13,59,934/-	36,73,132/-

The funds sanctioned & released during the last 5 years under Disha and Samarth Scheme of National Trust is as under –

(Amount in cr.)

S.N.	Year	Assam				Manipur		Meghalaya	
		Disha scheme		Samarth scheme		Disha scheme		Disha scheme	
		funds sanctioned	Funds released	funds sanctioned	Funds released	funds sanctioned	Funds released	funds sanctioned	Funds released
1	2021-2022	0.14	0.14	0	0	0.18	0.18	0.05	0.05
2	2022-2023	0.13	0.13	0.03	0.03	0.21	0.21	0.16	0.16
3	2023-2024	0.16	0.16	0.11	0.11	0.21	0.21	0.09	0.09
4	2024-2025	0.17	0.17	0.10	0.10	0.24	0.24	0.12	0.12
5	2025-2026	0.17	0.17	0.09	0.09	0.22	0.22	0.11	0.11
6	2026-2027 (till 10.07.2026)	0.06	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.04
	Total	0.83	0.83	0.36	0.36	1.12	1.12	0.57	0.57

Claim amount settled under Niramaya - Health Insurance Scheme of National Trust during the last 5 years is as under –

(Amount in Rs.)

S.N.	State	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	Assam	8000	971	20908	-	-
2	Manipur	1515	95045	4203	42783	469935
3	Meghalaya	-	5526	62900	15164	141154
4	Mizoram	-	11690	-	40000	37200
5	Nagaland	-	20000	-	849	2940
6	Sikkim	-	-	-	-	6810
7	Tripura	54657	107631	82928	51565	152732

The district wise beneficiaries under CDEIC at CRC Imphal (Manipur), since its inception, are as under:

Sl. No.	District	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Imphal East	1588
2	Imphal West	5988
3	Bishnupur	3741
4	Thoubal	272
5	Kakching	59
6	Churachandpur	230
7	Kangpokpi	16
8	Senapati	66
9	Ukhrul	106
10	Tamenglong	40
11	Noney	49
12	Tengnoupal	238
13	Chandel	185
14	Kamjong	49
15	Jiribam	3
16	Pherzawl	0
Total		12630

The district wise beneficiaries under CDEIC at CRC Guwahati(Assam), since its inception, are as under:

Sl. No.	District (Assam)	CDEIC CRC-Guwahati
1	Bajali	17
2	Baksa	64
3	Barpeta	139
4	Biswanath	24
5	Bongaigaon	32
6	Cachar	30
7	Charaideo	0
8	Chirang	26
9	Darrang	219
10	Dhemaji	14
11	Dhubri	147
12	Dibrugarh	8
13	Dima Hasao	10
14	Goalpara	73

15	Golaghat	18
16	Hailakandi	3
17	Hojai	129
18	Jorhat	10
19	Kamrup	412
20	Kamrup Metropolitan	485
21	Karbi Anglong	31
22	Kokrajhar	35
23	Lakhimpur	29
24	Majuli	4
25	Morigaon	219
26	Nagaon	173
27	Nalbari	143
28	Sivasagar	8
29	Sonitpur	48
30	South Salmara-Mankachar	47
31	Sribhumi	33
32	Tamulpur	30
33	Tinsukia	11
34	Udalguri	73
35	West Karbi Anglong	7
Total		2751

District wise beneficiaries under Disha & Samarth Scheme of National Trust are as under-

S No	State	District	Scheme Name	No. beneficiaries*
1	Assam	Cachar	Samarth Scheme	14
1	Assam	Dibrugarh	Disha Scheme	20
2	Assam	Jorhat	Disha Scheme	20
3	Assam	Kamrup Metro	Disha Scheme	20
4	Manipur	Imphal West	Disha Scheme	20
5	Manipur	Churachandpur	Disha Scheme	20
6	Meghalaya	East Khasi Hills	Disha Scheme	20

*** Number of beneficiaries are getting services under the scheme regularly.**

Beneficiaries under Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme in Assam and other North Eastern States –

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Appendix D

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S.No.	Name of the State	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
		Amount (Rs. in lakh)	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs. in lakh)	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs. in lakh)	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs. in lakh)	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs. in lakh)	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Assam	167.76	488	261.34	753	136.87	327	238.30	285	106.82	200
2	Manipur	741.55	1478	1016.29	2681	946.48	1942	1162.44	1894	825.25	1631
3	Meghalaya	29.64	84	101.76	361	87.86	352	202.68	482	112.89	275
4	Mizoram	-	-	29.22	61	17.26	60	41.29	86	30.41	103
5	Nagaland	-	-	30.36	60	46.83	48	38.28	53	13.37	53
6	Tripura	-	-	15.57	44	51.67	-	-	-	-	-

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