

Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

**LOK SABHA**  
Unstarred Question No. 38

To be answered on  
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**QUESTION**

**Traditional and Sustainable Farming in NER**

38. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

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

- (a) the steps taken/being taken to encourage traditional and sustainable farming practices in the North Eastern Region;
- (b) whether the steps are being taken to promote sustainable infrastructure; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**  
**[Dr. Jitendra Singh]**

(a) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has launched a Central Sector Scheme named "Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region" (MOVCDNER) for implementation in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura during 2015-16 to 2017-18. The scheme aims at development of certified organic production in a value chain mode to link growers with consumers and to support the development of entire value chain starting from inputs, seeds, certification and creation of facilities for collection, aggregation, processing, marketing and brand building initiative. The scheme was approved with an outlay of Rs.400 crore for three years.

The assistance is provided for cluster development, on/off farm input production, supply of seeds/planting materials, setting up of functional infrastructure, establishment of integrated processing unit, refrigerated transportation, pre-cooling/cold stores chamber, branding labelling and packaging, hiring of space, hand holdings, organic certification through third party, mobilization of farmers/processors etc.

(b) National Bamboo Mission (NBM) is focused on development of Bamboo *inter alia* in the North Eastern States, which has nearly 60% of the country's Bamboo growing stock. With an outlay of Rs.1290 crore, the NBM aims at holistic development of the Bamboo sector (including in NER) by incentivizing construction industry to give impetus to the use of Bamboo in construction. It seeks to mandate eco-friendly Government constructions through use of Bamboo and Bamboo products to give a fillip to this eco-friendly industry. The CPWD has already included Bamboo items in Delhi Schedule of Rates, 2016 and Ministry of Tourism has issued advisories to adopt 'BIS Certified & Energy Efficient' Bamboo Mat based products/ construction works in all the hilly areas and sloped roof.

(c) The State-wise release of funds under MOVCDNER for 2018-19 is given at **Annexure**. Against the target of 50000 hectare (ha.) area, 45918 ha. has been brought under the Organic Farming. Against the target of 100 Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs), 97 FPCs has been achieved. Against the target of 2500 Farmer Interest Groups (FIGs), 2469 FIGs has been formed and 48948 farmers have been mobilized. The financial releases year-wise are: Rs.112.11crore (2015-16), Rs.47.63 crore (2016-17) and Rs.66.22 crore (2017-18).

Under the NBM, 50% subsidy for establishment of Bamboo treatment and seasoning plants while 50% (plus 10% for NE States) subsidy would be provided for establishment of processing units for value addition of Bamboo.

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## Annexure

Annexure refer to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 38 for answer on 18.07.2018.

**Table: State-wise budget allocation and release during 2018-19**

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	States	Fund Released	Utilized Fund	Unspent balance	Budget Allocation	Amount Released	Amount released	Total Released
		2015-18			2018-19	Phase-I (Committed liability)	Phase II	2018-19
						(A)	(B)	(A+B)
1.	Assam	2439.30	1665.31	773.994	1762.61	-	-	-
2.	Manipur	3328.94	2419.99	908.95	2407.10	546.86	1203.55	1750.41
3.	Meghalaya	2696.98	2352.92	344.06	2857.79	218.07	1428.90	1646.97
4.	Nagaland	3800.46	2836.58	963.88	2096.13	649.78	1048.07	1697.85
5.	Mizoram	2174.15	2174.15	0	1019.12	0	75.83	75.83
6.	Arunachal Pradesh	2483.41	1857.31	626.1	1634.39	1053.36	817.20	1870.56
7.	Sikkim	4216.08	4185.81	30.27	883.85	1763.62		1763.62
8.	Tripura	1456.25	1210.31	245.94	1789.01	208.45	894.51	1102.96
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22595.57</b>	<b>18702.38</b>	<b>3893.194</b>	<b>14450.00</b>	<b>4440.14</b>	<b>5468.06</b>	<b>9908.2</b>
	Office Expenses	-	-	-	1550.00	-	15.00	15.00
	<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>16000.00</b>	<b>2676.52</b>	<b>5483.06</b>	<b>9923.20</b>