

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION**

**LOK SABHA**  
Unstarred Question No.571

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**QUESTION**  
**Economic Losses due to Pandemic**

**†571. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:**  
**SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the loss to North Eastern States including Assam keeping in view the economic condition of the country due to pandemic corona;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to issue relief package to North Eastern States including Assam; and
- (d) 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), (b), (c) & (d): Government of India has taken several measures to support the State Governments, including Assam. As a part of the COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package, funds have been released to aid and enable the States to ramp up testing facilities, augment hospital infrastructure, conduct surveillance activities along with procurement of essential equipment, drugs and other supplies. The packages like Special and Comprehensive packages, Atmanirbhar package, and relief measures under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan, relief measures for MSMEs and NBFCs, increased allocation under MGNREGS, interest subvention for MUDRA loans and revamp of Viability Gap Funding scheme for social infrastructure, etc. will benefit all the North Eastern States, including Assam.

Further, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region under its North East Special Infrastructure Development (NESID) Scheme has sanctioned five (05) projects costing Rs.193.32 crore for Strengthening Health Infrastructure for Fighting Corona Virus (COVID 19) in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya,

Mizoram and Nagaland. This includes sanction of Rs. 97.48 crore to Assam. So far, an amount of Rs.77.33 crore has been released to the State Governments for implementation of these projects, including Rs. 38.99 crore to Assam. An amount of Rs.25.29 crore has also been released to all the NE States, including Assam (Rs. 4.99 crore) by the North Eastern Council (NEC) to assist in combating the pandemic COVID-19 and as well as to provide relief to the stranded youths/people of NER during the time of lockdown. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also released an amount of Rs. 303.40 crore to North Eastern States, including Rs. 191.83 crore to Assam for various activities under the Health Sector including for measures to fight corona pandemic.

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