

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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QUESTION
Investments in North Eastern Region

1480. Dr. T Sumathy Alias Thamizhachi Thangapandian:

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

- (a) whether any measures have been taken to boost investments in the North-Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any measures have been taken by the Government to improve connectivity and infrastructure for facilitating investments in the region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Dr. Sukanta Majumdar]

(a) to (b) Government of India has implemented various schemes to boost investments in the North Eastern Region. The North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP), 2007 was notified from 01.04.2007 to 31.03.2017 with the purpose to boost industrialization of the North Eastern Region. In order to mitigate locational disadvantage and facilitate the process of industrialization in hilly, remote and inaccessible areas, in terms of subsidizing industrial units for transportation of their finished product and raw material Freight Subsidy Scheme (FSS) was introduced in 2013 replacing Transport Subsidy Scheme, 1971. Subsequent to the closure of NEIIPP, 2007, the North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS), 2017 was introduced to cover manufacturing and service sector. Thereafter, a new Industrial Development Scheme, Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme (UNNATI), 2024, a Central Sector Scheme, was launched on 09.03.2024 for the development of industries and generation employment in North Eastern Region.

(c) to (d) Government of India is implementing various flagship programmes and schemes for the development of the North Eastern Region. As per extant policy of the Government of India, fifty-five non-exempted Central Ministries/Departments are mandated to spend at least 10% of their Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the North Eastern Region for the overall development of the region. Further, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region is also implementing various schemes viz. North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) and schemes of North Eastern Council, to improve connectivity and infrastructure in the North Eastern Region.
