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QUESTION

Alignment of Logistics Policies in the North-Eastern region

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

- (a) whether inter-ministerial coordination mechanisms have been established to align logistics initiatives in the North-Eastern Region with connectivity, trade and industrial policies;
- (b) If so, the details of such coordination arrangements;
- (c) whether the Act East policy and cross-border trade considerations have been integrated into the logistics strategy; and
- (d) the roadmap for positioning the North-Eastern Region as a logistics and trade gateway?

ANSWER

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

[Dr. Sukanta Majumdar]

(a) & (b) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry is mandated for the Integrated Development of the Logistics Sector in the country. As per DPIIT, an inter-ministerial coordination mechanism to align logistics

initiatives in the North-Eastern Region with connectivity, trade and industrial policies is anchored in the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, launched in October 2021.

In addition, an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) was constituted by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region in July 2024, pursuant to the decisions in 71st Plenary of the North Eastern Council, to assess the logistics ecosystem in the NER and recommend measures to strengthen logistics planning. The implementation of the resulting roadmap is also monitored by a Steering Group constituted under MDoNER, comprising representatives of DPIIT (Logistics Division) and other concerned line Ministries and the eight North-Eastern States.

(c) Yes sir. As per Ministry of External Affairs, under India's Act East and Neighbourhood First policies, the Government is implementing two connectivity projects through Myanmar to provide better access to ASEAN markets. These are Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport and India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway.

Improved rail, road, and inland waterway links between India and Bangladesh provide better connectivity for India's North East and support wider sub-regional integration. Institutional mechanisms such as Joint Working Groups on Trade, Sub-Groups on Land Customs Stations/Integrated Check Post infrastructure, and Joint committees on Border Haats have been established to enable coordination among concerned authorities in India and Bangladesh, including those in India's North Eastern Region, in relation to logistics, connectivity, trade infrastructure, and other developments impacting the region.

(d) The roadmap for positioning the North-Eastern Region as a logistics and trade gateway is pursued through a multi-pronged strategy. This includes coordinated policy planning and institutional mechanisms supported by PM Gati Shakti-based planning, which enables integrated geospatial mapping of multimodal connectivity, industrial clusters, logistics parks, border infrastructure and economic assets and strengthening physical connectivity through projects implemented by concerned line Ministries.
