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QUESTION

Development projects/schemes for the North Eastern Region

5476. Dr. Thirumaavalavan Tholkappiyan:

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

- (a) whether the Government has announced any development projects/schemes for the North Eastern Region during the last ten years and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) the details of such development projects/ schemes implemented in the North Eastern Region, State and Union Territory-wise?

ANSWER

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

[Dr. Sukanta Majumdar]

(a) & (b) During the last ten years, Government has announced various projects/schemes for the development of North Eastern Region, the details of which are as follows:

- i. In order to increase crop yields in rainfed areas, which account for nearly 55% of the country's arable land the Government in 2015-16 launched 'Pampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana' (PKVY) to bring 5 lakh acres under organic farming over a three year period. Under the PKVY, Assam brought 4,400 hectares under organic farming, engaging 9,740 farmers. In Sikkim, the scheme supported organic farming on 63,000 hectares under the Large Area Certification. Collectively, the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, and Meghalaya covered a total of 4,140 hectares through this scheme. In terms of financial support, Assam, Sikkim and remaining NE States received ₹3,013 crore, ₹1,849 crore, ₹2,337 crore respectively.

The Government also launched a value-chain based organic farming scheme called "Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North East Region". The emphasis was on value addition so that organic produce grown in these parts find domestic

and export markets. Under MOVCDNER, an amount of ₹1460.00 crore has been released to all the eight States of North Eastern Region from 2015-16 to 2025-26. The scheme brought substantial area under organic cultivation, formation of 427 Farmer Producer Organizations, and development of their own organic product brands.

ii. During the last 10 years the people of North East have received benefits through infrastructure development. A green field airport was made operational in Arunachal Pradesh in 2018-19. Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram have been connected with the National Rail network for the first time. Additionally across the North Eastern States following Infrastructure development has been achieved in last 10 years :

- a. Under the 10% Gross Budgetary Support Mechanism since 2014-15 to 2024-25, a cumulative expenditure of Rs. 6.11 lakh crore has been made against the cumulative allocation of Rs. 6.02 lakh crore (RE) for development in the NER. Year-wise summary of allocation and utilization of funds is at **Annexure I**.
- b. The length of National Highways (NH) in NER has increased from 10,905 km in 2014 to 16,207 km as on 31.03.2025.
- c. The Ministry of Railways has allocated ₹62,477 crore for the Northeast since 2014. As on 01.04.2025, 12 Railway projects (08 New Lines, 04 Doubling), of a total length of 777 Km, costing ₹69,342 crore falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region (NER) have been sanctioned.
- d. The number of airports has increased from 9 in the year 2014 to 17 at present, and 90 routes have been operationalized under the UDAN scheme.
- e. The number of National Waterways in the NER has increased from 1 to 20 and ₹1,040 cr. have been spent on various Waterways Projects in NER.

iii. In FY 2022-23, a new scheme, Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East (PM-DevINE), was launched to boost Infrastructure, in the spirit of PM Gati Shakti, and social development projects based on felt needs of the North-East. This enabled livelihood activities for youth and women, filling the gaps in various sectors. The total outlay of the scheme is Rs. 6600.00 crore. The details of the development projects implemented by Ministry of DoNER under the PM-DevINE scheme in the North Eastern Region is at **Annexure II**.

iv. In FY 2024-25, in budget it was announced that more than 100 branches of India Post Payment Bank (IPPB) be set up in the North East region to expand the banking services. Accordingly, the Department of Posts identified 108 locations in North East Region for rolling them out as IPPB's access point which includes 50 IPPB's access points in Arunachal Pradesh, 18 in Manipur, 25 in Meghalaya, and 15 in Nagaland. The said locations have been rolled out as IPPB access points.

Annexure I

Year-wise summary of allocation and utilization of funds

(Rs. in Cr)

Sl.	Year	Revised Estimate (RE)	Actual Expenditure (AE)	% Actual Expenditure
1	2014-15	27,359.00	24,819.00	90.70
2	2015-16	29,669.00	28,674.00	96.60
3	2016-17	32,180.00	29,368.00	91.30
4	2017-18	40,972.00	39,753.00	97.00
5	2018-19	47,088.00	46,055.00	97.80
6	2019-20	53,374.00	48,534.00	90.90
7	2020-21	51,271.00	48,564.00	94.70
8	2021-22	68,440.00	70,874.00	103.60
9	2022-23	72,540.00	82,691.00	113.90
10	2023-24	91,802.00	1,02,749.00	111.90
11	2024-25	87,736.00	89,734.40	102.30
Total upto FY 2024-25		6,02,431.00	6,11,815.40	101.50

Annexure II

List of projects sanctioned under PM-DevINE Scheme as on 20.03.2026

S.No.	State / Govt. Agency	Name of the Project	AFS Date	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. in Crore)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	Establishment of State Cancer Institute at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh	13.06.2024	217.19
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Construction of Integrated State of Art Convention Centre at Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh	10.06.2025	146.83
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Off-grid Electrification of Border Villages and Left-out Villages under RDSS.	14.01.2026	69.52
4	Assam	Transformation of 20 schools as Centre of Excellence in the Kamrup District of Assam	27.03.2023	132.86
5	Assam	Development of MaaKamakhya Access Corridor at Guwahati, Assam	04.01.2024	498.37
6	Assam	Construction of Medical College (100 Admissions) at Sivasagar District, Assam	04.01.2024	499.82
7	Assam	Upgradation/widening of existing 2 lane road to 4 lane road connecting LGB International Airport – From VIP junction to Dharapur Junction, including (i) 4 lane grade separated junction at Dharapur (ii) 2 lane excess road from SOS junction to existing terminal building and (iii) 2 lane temporary exit from existing terminal building. (PWD)	24.01.2024	271.45
8	Manipur	Development of Infrastructure for Manipur Technical University (MTU), Imphal West District	23.01.2024	54.16
9	Manipur	Development of Infrastructure of the Processing Zone of Manipur IT SEZ at Mantripukhri, Imphal	08.02.2024	120
10	Manipur	Construction and equipping of 60 Bedded State Mental Hospital in Manipur	10.02.2024	70.47
11	Manipur	Infrastructure Development for Dhanamanjuri University (DMU)	13.06.2024	70
12	Manipur	Infrastructure development for Manipur University of Culture at Wakha, Imphal East.	24.09.2024	31.19

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13	Manipur	Providing super speciality and assured specialty health care in remote and hill districts (Infrastructure & Equipment) in Manipur	20.11.2024	104.66
14	Manipur	Construction of Manipur International convention centre, Imphal Phase - I	08.12.2025	110.52
15	Meghalaya	Construction of IT Park at Tura, West Garo Hills District	10.02.2024	126.94
16	Meghalaya	Construction of new four-lane road and conversion of existing two-lane road into four-lane with cycling tracks, utility ducts, footpaths, etc. at New Shillong Township	01.02.2024	146.79
17	Meghalaya	Development of Skywalk and Tourist hub at Mawkdok, Sohra, Meghalaya	29.10.2024	50.9
18	Meghalaya	Gap funding for Passenger Ropeway for at Shillong Peak Ropeway project, Shillong, Meghalaya	09.01.2025	70.11
19	Meghalaya	Gap Funding for Construction of Unity Mall, New Shillong Township, Umasawli, Meghalaya	10.06.2025	72.93
20	Meghalaya	Construction of 2 x 50 MVA, 132/33kV Substation at Mawkhan, East Khasi District, Meghalaya, along with the construction of 132kV D/C Saiseij-Mawkhan Line and GIS Bay at Saiseij Meghalaya.	25.08.2025	72.48
21	Meghalaya	Development of sohra tourism circuit	31.10.2025	233.75
22	Mizoram	Construction of Aizawl By-pass Road on Western Side	10.02.2024	500
23	Mizoram	Pilot project for the construction of Bamboo Link Roads at different locations in various districts in the State of Mizoram - (i) Tuirial Airfield to North Chaltlang (18 km) at a cost of Rs. 33.58 Crore; and (ii) Lengpui to Saiphai Bamboo Plantation (41 km) at a cost of Rs. 66.42 crore	06.02.2023	95.24
24	Nagaland	Livelihood projects relating to Special Development of Eastern Nagaland - (22 Nos.)	23.03.2023	180

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25	Nagaland	Construction of 220/132 kV (2x100 MVA) & 132/33 kV (2x50 MVA) Sub-station at Tsitrongse-Dimapur with associated lines in Nagaland	16.02.2024	132.37
26	Nagaland	Educational Infrastructure/facility Development in Polytechnics	13.06.2024	30
27	Nagaland	Upgradation of the Radiation Oncology Centre at CIHSR	13.06.2024	34.5
28	Nagaland	50 Bedded hospitals in Peren	29.04.2025	44.65
29	Nagaland	Multi-speciality hospital in Chümoukedima	09.06.2025	58.72
30	Nagaland	Construction of Kohima Multi-disciplinary Sports Centre at IG Stadium Complex, Kohima District	27.10.2025	72.59
31	Sikkim	Gap funding for Passenger Ropeway System from Pelling to Sanga-Choeling in West Sikkim - at the cost of Rs. 63.39 Crore (58 percent) of total cost of Rs.108.39 Crore	30.01.2023	63.39
32	Sikkim	Gap funding for Eco-friendly Passenger Ropeway (Cable Car) from Dhapper to Bhaleydungta in South Sikkim - at the cost of Rs. 57.82 Crore (28 percent) of total cost of Rs. 209.57 Crore	30.01.2023	57.82
33	Sikkim	Skywalk Project at Bhaleydhunga, Yangang in South Sikkim	16.02.2024	220
34	Sikkim	Conversion of Singshore bridge as a Glass Skywalk Bridge	16.02.2024	52
35	Sikkim	Gap funding for Construction of Government Medical College at Sichey, East Sikkim for Annual intake of 100 Students	25.11.2024	167.9
36	Tripura	Establishment of Solar Micro Grid for supply of reliable power to Remote Habitations in Tripura by Department of Power	22.11.2023	80.79
37	Tripura	Establishment of 200 Bedded MCH (Maternal & Child Health) wing at AGMC & GBP Hospital in Tripura	23.01.2024	192.1
38	Tripura	Setting up of Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Drug Addicted in Tripura	23.01.2024	86.12
39	Tripura	Establishment of Dental College at Agartala by Government of Tripura	24.01.2024	202
40	NECTAR	NECTAR Livelihood Improvement Project (Multi-State) - Utilization of Banana Pseudo Stem for Value-Added Products	14.02.2023	67

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41	NECTAR	Promoting Scientific Organic Agriculture in North-East India (Multi-State)	17.02.2023	44.99
42	BBCI	Establishment of Dedicated Services for the Management of Paediatric and Adult Haematolymphoid Cancers in North East India, Guwahati	31.05.2023	129
43	AMTRON	Setting up of a Digital Design and 3D Printing Center of Excellence in the Electronic Mfg. Cluster (EMC) in collaboration with other Govt Agencies at Tech City, Guwahati	10.02.2024	54.9
44	BBCI	Establishment of a Skill Development Centre at Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI), Guwahati, Assam	13.06.2024	35.12
45	NEHHDC	Establishment of an Artist's Village for promotion of world's most unique Pottery Art form Longpi Black Pottery of Manipur - at a cost of Rs. 32.32 Cr.	24.06.2024	35.74
46	IICA	Establishment of a Regional Campus of Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) at Shillong	05.03.2025	100.95
47	NECBDC	Engineered Bamboo Products Promotion through Cluster Strengthening and Export Facilitation in NER states	12.08.2025	70.98
48	NERAMAC	Agarwood Cluster Development Project in Kadamtala, Tripura and Golaghat, Assam.	12.01.2026	64.55
		Total		6044.36

Abbreviations:

AMTRON: Assam Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.

BBCI: Dr. Bhubaneswar Borooah Cancer Institute.

NECTAR: North East Centre for Technology Application & Reach.

NEHHDC: North Eastern Handicrafts & Handlooms Development Corporation Limited.

IICA: Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs

NECBDC: North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council

NERAMAC: North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd.
