

Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 554**

To be answered on  
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**QUESTION**

**Economic Development and Employment Generation in Assam**

**554. Md. Rakibul Hussain:**

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

- (a) the details of programmes implemented to boost industrial development, agriculture and tourism in Assam and the wider northern region of the country;
- (b) the manner in which the Government addressing the skill development needs of the youth in the region, particularly in sectors such as digital technology, tourism and agriculture; and
- (c) whether there is any targeted support for creating employment opportunities in Assam's tea industry, handloom and other indigenous sectors to foster sustainable local economies and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) The list of schemes being implemented by the Government of India to boost Industrial development in Assam is at **Annexure- I**. The list of schemes being implemented to boost the Agricultural Development in Assam is at **Annexure- II**. Further, under the Schemes of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), various projects have been sanctioned to boost industrial development, agriculture and tourism in Assam, the details of which are at **Annexure-III**. The Ministry of Tourism endeavors to put in place a system of training and professional education, with necessary infrastructure support, capable of generating manpower sufficient to meet the needs of tourism and hospitality industry.

Under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres / institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society across the country including Assam and other North-Eastern States. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready and equipped with industry relevant skills. The Government is actively addressing the skill development needs of youth in Assam and the wider North Eastern Region through focused interventions under MSDE flagship schemes. These initiatives prioritize demand-driven skilling in key sectors including digital technology, tourism, agriculture, and handicrafts, which are integral to the region's economic potential. A pilot initiative for special intervention for promotion of apprenticeship in **North-Eastern Region (NER)** was launched by Hon'ble Minister, MSDE in Mizoram on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Under this pilot initiative, over and above the Government share of stipend provided under NAPS-2, an additional financial support of ₹1,500 per apprentice per month to eligible apprentices of NER is provided. Under Assam Skill Development Mission, the State Government of Assam has imparted short term training to 14,139 youth in agriculture sector, 10,496 youth in Tourism Sector, and 47,553 youth in digital technology since 2017.

The Tea Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme of the Government of Assam, implemented by the Assam Tourism Development Corporation (ATDC), provides a 50% capital subsidy up to a ceiling of Rs. 2 crore to tea gardens for creating tourism infrastructure. The Scheme also generates employment opportunities for local youth through skill training and upgradation.

Further, the Ministry of Textiles is administering the National Handloom Development Programme and the Raw Material Supply Scheme for the development of handloom sector and welfare of handloom workers across the country including Assam. Skill upgradation training is provided to handloom workers in technical areas i.e. weaving, dyeing/printing and designing etc. through Weaver Service Centre under SAMARTH Scheme of the Ministry of Textiles across the country including Assam.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF THE UNSTARRED  
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**(1) NORTH EAST INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION POLICY (NEIIPP), 2007**

- i. North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP), 2007 was a revised version of the erstwhile North East Industrial Policy (NEIP), 1997, and was notified for a period of 10 years from 1.4.2007 to 31.03.2017 with the purpose to boost industrialization of the region.
- ii. **Since inception of NEIIPP, 2007 Rs. 3824.68 Crore has been disbursed to industrial units as Subsidy for investment/Industrial promotion.**

**(2) NORTH EAST INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (NEIDS), 2017:**

To promote industrialization in NE States and to boost employment and income generation, North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS), 2017 was notified on 12.04.2018 and came into force from 01.04.2017 for a period of five years (after closure of NEIIPP, 2007 on 31.03.2017). The Scheme covers manufacturing and service sector. It gave encouragement to MSME in both manufacturing and services sector.

**Various benefits provided under the Scheme are as under:**

1	Central Capital Investment Incentive for access to credit (CCIIAC)	30% of the investment in Plant& machinery with an upper limit of Rs. 5 Cr.
2	Central Interest Incentive (CII)	3% on working capital credit advanced by Scheduled Banks or Central/ State financial institutions for first 5 years from the date of commencement of commercial production operation .The incentive will be so restricted as to ensure that subsidized interest rate is not below the Marginal Cost of funds-based Lending Rates (MCLR) of the lending institution.
3	Central Comprehensive Insurance Incentive (CCII)	Reimbursement of 100% insurance premium on insurance of building and Plant & Machinery for 5 years from the date of commencement of commercial production.

4	Income Tax (IT) Reimbursement	Reimbursement of Centre's share of income tax for first 5 years including the year of commencement of commercial production.
5	Goods and Services Tax (GST)	Reimbursement up to the extent of Central Govt. Share of CGST and IGST for 5 Years.
6	Employment Incentive (EI)	Additional 3.67% of the employer's contribution to Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) in addition to Government bearing 8.33% Employee Pension Scheme (EPS) contribution of the employer in the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMR PY).
7	Transport Incentive (TI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20% of the cost of transportation including the incentive currently provided by Railways/ Railway PSU for movement of finished goods by rail from the railway station nearest to industrial unit to railway station nearest to the location of the buyer.</li> <li>• 20% of cost of transportation for finished goods for movement through Inland Waterways Authority of India from the port nearest to the location of industrial unit to the port nearest to the location of the buyer.</li> <li>• 33% of cost of transportation of air freight on perishable goods (as defined by IATA) from the airport nearest to place of production to any airport within the country, nearest to the location of the buyer.</li> </ul>

- Overall Cap of Rs.200 Cr per unit for benefits under all components subject to investment in Plant and Machinery.
- As on 31.03.2022 (being the date of closure of registration), 1211 applications were received on the portal for registration under NEIDS, 2017 Scheme.

- 974 industrial units (including conditional registrations) have been registered by the Empowered Committee under the NEIDS, 2017.
- Till FY 2025, **719** industrial units have already benefitted under the Scheme, out of which 613 industrial units are in Assam alone.

### **(3) UTTAR POORVA TRANSFORMATIVE INDUSTRIALIZATION SCHEME (UNNATI), 2024**

- **Duration of the Scheme:** Effective from the date of notification (09.03.2024) for a period of 10 years plus 8 more years for meeting the committed liabilities.
- **Budget:** Total outlay - Rs. 10,037 crores.
- Part A - Incentives (Rs. 9737 Cr) - to eligible new industrial units and those undergoing substantial expansion.
- Part B - implementation & institutional arrangements for the Scheme (Rs. 300 Cr).

As on date, **108** industrial units have been granted registration under the Scheme.

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The following schemes are being implemented to boost the Agricultural development in Assam. These schemes are as follows.

**I. Central Sector Schemes**

1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
2. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan DhanYojana (PM-KMY)
3. Pradhan Mantri Annadata AaySanrakshanAbhiyan (PM-AASHA)
4. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)/ Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS)
5. Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)
6. National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
7. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
8. Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)
9. Agri Fund for Start Ups & Rural Enterprises (AgriSURE)
10. Namo Drone Didi

**II. Centrally Sponsored Scheme**

- (a) National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)
- (b) Krishonatti Yojana
1. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing -National Agriculture Market (ISAM-eNAM)
2. Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing-Others (ISAM-Others)
3. National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)
4. National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil Seeds (NMEO-OS)
5. National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil palm (NMEO-OP)
6. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
7. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER)
8. Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (SMAE)
9. Digital Agriculture

- (c) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)
  - 1. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana- DPR (RKVY-DPR)
  - 2. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
  - 3. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
  - 4. Soil Health and Fertility
  - 5. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
  - 6. Agroforestry
  - 7. Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM)(Crop Residue Management (CRM) now merged with SMAM)
  - 8. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)

**ANNEXURE-III**

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**Projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region to  
boost industrial development, agriculture and tourism in Assam since the  
creation of Ministry**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Projects sanctioned</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (in Cr.)</b>
1	Agriculture	27	164.14
2	Industries	48	113.5
4	Tourism	17	659.44
	<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>937.08</b>