

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revisit the `Look East Policy`;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the policy is beneficial to the people of the North Eastern Region (NER);
- (c) the details of multifaceted areas under which the `Look East Policy` is being re-framed vis-a-vis the NER; and
- (d) the present status of the implementation of the vision 2020 document for the NER?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region [General (Dr.) V. K. Singh (Retd.)]

As per the inputs received from Ministry of External Affairs for parts (a) to (c) of the Question, replies are as under:-

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

(d) The North Eastern Region Vision 2020 document was unveiled by the Government in July, 2008. The Vision 2020 provides a roadmap to all stakeholders such as concerned Ministries/Departments of Government of India, Planning Commission, North Eastern Council and State Governments for formulation of an integrated plan for the development of North Eastern Region from 2008-09 to 2019-20. It laid down goals, identified challenges and suggested implementation strategies for comprehensive development in various sectors to ensure peace and prosperity of the region.

Seventeen Thematic Groups were constituted by this Ministry to work out specific action plans to operationalise Vision 2020 Document, based on various disciplines/ sectors outlined therein. The sectors include Panchayati Raj & Local Self Government, Poverty Eradication, Human Resource Development, Industry, major road connectivity, inland waterways, air connectivity, railways, rural roads, Tourism, IT enabled services and cyber connectivity, Power, Health, Rural sector, Financial Services, Sports, Art & culture and Look East Policy. These Groups presented their findings for working out detailed action plan for development of North Eastern Region in meeting held in Shillong on 3rd and 4th December, 2008. Action points posed by Thematic Groups were culled out for implementation by Ministries concerned. This Ministry is constantly pursuing with concerned Central Ministries/Departments for taking up required socio-economic programmes and projects in the region. Further, Ministries are invited to spell out their development plans, achievements and ongoing activities in North Eastern Region in the routine meetings of North Eastern Council and other review meetings.