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Overview

Chapter 1

Overview

The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) was constituted, first as a Department in 2001 and then as a Ministry in 2004, basically for better coordination between the State Governments of North Eastern Region and the Central Ministries/Departments of Government of India. It is the only Ministry with a territorial jurisdiction and functions to coordinate the developmental efforts in the North Eastern Region (NER).

The **Vision** of the Ministry is to transform North Eastern Region through development, in sustainable yet accelerated manner, affording comprehensive growth and access to ease of living to all its citizens.

The **Mission** of the Ministry is:

- I. Synergize policies, plans and execution for rapid development of NE Region through Collaborating with Central Ministries, States, Agencies & Expert Stakeholders,
- II. Ensuring full utilization of 10% Gross Budget Support (GBS) and other budgetary resources for NER.
- III. Promoting investment in the NER, including public, private, corporate & multilateral funding.
- IV. Developing infrastructure to mitigate connectivity and social sector deficits of the region, and Strengthening institutions and networks for livelihood, social services, skills and capacity.

To achieve the goal of focused attention to address the special needs of the NER, the Ministry co-ordinates with various Ministries/Departments primarily concerned with development activities in NER. However, respective Ministries/Departments remain responsible for implementation of programmes in their respective sectors.

The Ministry has also been implementing various Schemes for development of North East Region viz. North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (Roads)-NESIDS (Roads), North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme Other Than Road-NESIDS(OTRI), Schemes of North Eastern Council (NEC) , PM-DevINE scheme and Special Development packages (SDP) . Salient aspects of each of these

Schemes are given in the subsequent chapters. The schematic budget is very limited and is essential for gap funding of the projects.

Ministry also coordinates with other stakeholders, who can be from non-government sector or multilateral sector, to work for the development of NER. During 2024-25, MDoNER has taken some major initiatives for faster implementation of projects for the development of NER.

To maximize the efficacy of the projects/schemes being implemented by the Government in the North Eastern Region, Government has started the programme **“Fortnightly visits of Union Ministers to NER”** since 2015. The Ministry anchors and coordinates these visits. Monitoring of visits and implementations of recommendations based on these visits are done through an online portal.

The MDoNER has set-up **Field Technical Support Units (FTSUs) for all the 8 NE States** in 2022 which work as facilitators on the ground between every State Government and MDoNER for the progress of Schemes and initiatives in NER.

A Mission mode program for **Saturation of Model Blocks & Villages (SAMBHAV)** was conceptualized to enable the most backward and isolated communities to achieve their full potential and become “Atmanirbhar” through equal access to basic services and opportunities.

North Eastern Council (NEC)/ Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) under MDoNER :

The **North Eastern Council (NEC)** is a statutory body under the administrative control of the Ministry of DoNER located in Shillong (Meghalaya). As part of its responsibilities for advising, coordinating and reviewing closely in respect of various issues of interest to one or more States of the Region, it inter alia also executes and monitors major Schemes of the Ministry –viz. the “North Eastern Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (Roads)” and “Schemes of NEC” directly.

There are two Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) under MDoNER, namely, **North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Ltd.**

(NEHHDC) and North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd. (NERAMAC). The objective of NEHHDC is to develop and promote Handicrafts and Handlooms and allied products of the North Eastern Region and the development of artisans and weavers. The NERAMAC is playing a role of the dynamic and vibrant marketing organization, supporting farmers/producers of NE getting remunerative prices for their produce and enhancing the agricultural, procurement, processing and marketing infrastructure.

Coordination with Central Ministries and Departments

Chapter 2

Coordination with Central Ministries and Departments

2.1 Coordination with other Ministries/Departments of Government of India

The Ministry of DoNER plays a key role in monitoring and coordinating development projects for the socio-economic development of the North Eastern Region (NER). It collaborates with various Central Ministries and Departments to oversee the implementation of development and welfare schemes/programs. The Ministry also tracks the utilization of funds allocated for the NER under 10% of the Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) , through an established process of nodal officers as appointed by the non-exempted Ministries/Departments covered under 10% GBS to coordinate with the Ministry of DoNER and to report on major initiatives in the NER.

Further, the Ministry also convened sectoral review meetings with key Ministries such as Railways, Road Transport & Highways, Civil Aviation, Power, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Tourism, etc. to ensure effective implementation of schemes and timely completion of major infrastructure projects. The Ministry of DoNER is represented in Inter-Ministerial Groups of major Ministries such as MoRTH, Railways, MSME, Home, etc., and invariably consulted during policy formation and project implementation stages through EFC/SFC and Cabinet notes, having ramifications in the NER.

The Ministry has several Inter-Ministerial Committees (IMCs) that include inter alia, (i) IMC on Roads, (ii) IMC on Health & Nutrition, (iii) IMC on Medicinal Aromatic Plants and (iv) IMC on STINER, where issues of importance in these domains are discussed with the Stakeholder Ministries/Departments.

2.2 Gross Budgetary Support (GBS):Earmarking of Union Budget by Central Ministries/ Departments for North Eastern Region

In October 1996, the Central Government announced 'Some initiatives for NER'. One of these measure announcements was the policy decision to designate at least 10% of Plan Budgets of the Central Ministries/ Departments for the development of NE States. It was decided that Central Ministries/Departments unless specifically exempted (the List of Ministries/Departments which are exempted from 10% GBS are given at

Annexure - II), will set aside 10% of their Plan Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for the NER. Consequently, allocation of funds under 10% GBS for the NER was introduced in 2014-15.

According to this extant policy of the Government, all non-exempted Central Ministries/ Departments are mandated to spend at least 10% of their GBS of Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes for NER. This is aimed at ensuring a quantum jump in budgetary resource-flow to the region in order to address the existing backlog and gaps in minimum basic services and infrastructure.

MDoNER, being the nodal Ministry, monitors and keeps track of expenditure under mandatory 10% GBS by non-exempted Ministries/Departments through a meticulous system of expenditure tracking. This exercise is being undertaken on quarterly basis and the allocation & actual expenditure figures by respective Ministries/Departments are collected, compiled and forwarded annually to Ministry of Finance for vetting.

The target set-up under 10% GBS for FY 2024-25, calculated as per the Budget Estimate (BE) allocation of participating Ministries/Departments, is Rs 1,00,893.2 crore (9.9% higher than Revised Estimate (RE) 2023-24 of Rs. 91,802 crore). Monitoring of the progress under 10% GBS is being done through MIS portal .

The first quarterly review of the mandatory allocation and utilization of 10% Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) was held on 25.07.2024 and 26.07.2024 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for MDoNER.

The review meeting to demonstrate the newly developed report on the Reflection of State-wise releases of Centrally Sponsored Schemes by the 54 non-exempted Ministries/Departments under 10% GBS was held on 20.08.2024 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER.

The second quarterly review of the mandatory allocation and utilization of 10% Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) in FY 2024-25 (i.e. 30.09.2024) was held on 23.10.2024 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoNER.

The Mid-term review to increase the pace of Expenditure during third quarter (Q'3) was held on 29.11.2024 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MoS, MDoNER. The Ministry is continuously following up with all concerned Ministries/Departments to ensure that concerned Ministries/Departments are able to spend the mandatory 10% of their GBS in the North Eastern Region.



Picture: 10% GBS review meeting with non-exempted Ministries/Departments

Meetings with some specific Ministries/Departments like– Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Department of Posts, Department of Public Enterprises, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, those are not able to spend as per their target , hold separately to expedite the implementation of the projects and also the expenditures. Consistency is maintained in mobilizing developmental expenditure by the Central Ministries/ Departments for the NER.

- Quarterly review meetings are regularly held at the level of Hon'ble Minister/Secretary, MDoNER
- Review meetings by Ministries and Departments are held at their own level, to review with NER states to address *emergent challenges* in project implementation.

As on 31.12.2024, the annual expenditure under 10% GBS in NER has increased from Rs. 24,819 crore in 2014-15 to Rs. 45,725.2 crore in FY 2024-25. The expenditure in 2024-25 is 45.3% of the targeted BE 2024-25 of Rs. 1,00,893.2 crore upto 31.12.2024.

The details of BE, RE and Actual Expenditure under 10% GBS for NER for each year from 2014-15 to 2024-25 as per Table 1.1 of the Union Budget is as under:

Table 1.1: Budget Estimate (BE), Revised Estimate (RE) and Actual Expenditure (AE) under 10% GBS Figure (Rs. in crore)				
Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Actual Expenditure	Actual Expenditure as % of RE
2014-15	36,107.56	27,359.17	24,819.18	90.72
2015-16	29,087.93	29,669.22	28,673.73	96.64
2016-17	29,124.79	32,180.08	29,367.9	91.26
2017-18	43,244.64	40,971.69	39,753.44	97.03
2018-19	47,994.88	47,087.95	46,054.80	97.81
2019-20	59,369.90	53,374.19	48,533.80	90.93
2020-21	60,112.11	51,270.90	48,563.82	94.72
2021-22	68,020.24	68,440.26	70,874.32	103.56
2022-23	76,040.07	72,540.28	82,690.87	113.99
2023-24	94,679.53	91,802.01	102,749.46	111.92
2024-25	1,00,893.2	-	45,725.2	-
Total	6,44,674.85	5,14,695.75	5,67,806.52*	-
Source: Statement 11/23 of Union Budget, various years Note 1: Actual Expenditure figures are as reported by 54 Non-exempted				

Ministries/ Departments.

Note 2:*Total AE of all 54 non-exempted Ministries/Departments for 2024-25 as per the total expenditure figures reflecting on PFMS up to 31.12.2024.

The Ministry-wise details of expenditure (provisional) during last three years (2021-22 to 2023-24) and Quarter-wise up to 31.12.2024 for FY 2024-2025 are given at **Annexure-III-A & Annexure III-B respectively.**

Ministry of DoNER, vide OM No.2 (1)-B(S)-2017 dated 05.05.2017 from Department of Economic Affairs and OM No. 72(08)/PF II/2017 dated 05.05.17 from Department of Expenditure (**Annexure-IV**), has been delegated the powers to review the quarterly expenditure of non-exempted Ministries and recommend re-allocation of likely surrender to those Ministries/Departments who have the absorptive capacity to implement additional approved schemes/programmes within the financial year.

Regular quarterly review meetings at the level of Hon'ble Minister / Secretary, MDoNER held to ensure that all Ministries spend the mandatory 10% of their GBS in the NER. Meetings with the Ministries/ Departments which were not able to spend as per their target were held separately in order to expedite the implementation of the projects and also the expenditures.

Key Initiatives

Chapter 3

Key Initiatives

3.1 Fortnightly visit of Hon'ble Union Ministers to NE States

Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, it was planned that with effect from 5th January, 2015, each NE States would have a visit of a Union Minister in every 15 days in order to accelerate the pace of development in NER and to maximize the efficacy of the projects/schemes being implemented by the Government in the region. In compliance thereof, MDoNER proposes every month, the names of Hon'ble Union Ministers/Minister of State for their visit to NE States. MDoNER anchors and coordinates these visits by nominating Union Ministers for visiting NE States by rotation every month, since 2015. These visits are monitored through the reports/recommendations submitted by the visiting Hon'ble Ministers.

The visits are broadly utilized by Hon'ble Union Ministers for:

- Detailed review of programme and policies of Central Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations for ensuring speedy implementation of schemes/programmes .
- Review of expenditure of the concerned Ministry/Department under 10% GBS
- Review of progress of Aspirational Districts in NER.
- Review of status of implementation of National Oil Palm Mission(NOPM) recently launched by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- Interaction with local communities and other stakeholders to resolve as many pending issues as possible pertaining to the State/Areas visited.
- Visiting various Institutions, project sites, etc. in/around the area of visit.
- Interaction with State/District machinery and local people to understand and appreciate their needs and issues and instruct the concerned agencies to take timely steps for resolution of such issues.
- Review of saturation of SAMBHAV districts vis-a-vis State/National average.

74 Union Ministers have visited NER for more than 87 times from January, 2024 to December, 2024. These visits are helping in mapping the aspirations and sentiments of the local population and effective implementation of the projects/schemes of Government in NER. A MIS portal is used for the monitoring of these visits.

3.2 Inter-Ministerial Task Force for NER covering various aspects :

(a) Inter-Ministerial Task Force on Agarwood

The NER holds immense potential for the cultivation and trade of agarwood, a highly valued non-timber forest product with significant demand in domestic and International markets. Due to its rarity and unique properties, agarwood is one of the most expensive raw materials in the world, with high-quality agarwood fetching exceptionally high prices in global markets. The agarwood industry in the NER holds the potential to generate annual revenues of approximately INR 30,000 crores from exports alone, presenting a transformative economic opportunity for the region. NER contains 96.5% of India's agar tree population, with Assam and Tripura as the primary contributors. These States have abundant resources, favourable climatic conditions, and traditional expertise to build a sophisticated value chain. However, challenges such as unregulated harvesting, inadequate infrastructure, and limited market access have hindered the sector's growth.

Recognizing this potential, the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) constituted an Inter-Ministerial Task Force to spearhead initiatives for promoting agarwood. The Task Force submitted its report on 1st August 2024 which included a set of recommendations for holistic development of agarwood value chain and export process simplification, which have been developed into an actionable roadmap. The Task Force has recommended key interventions, including simplification of export procedures through a centralized portal, increased export quotas, enhancing value chain infrastructure, expanding the area under cultivation, and promoting skill development for stakeholders. The report has been accepted by the Government and a roadmap for promotion of Agarwood Sector has been approved for implementation. To ensure sustainability, MDoNER is emphasizing climate resilience, scientific inoculation practices, and value-added processing to create a robust and environmentally sustainable agarwood value chain. These efforts aim to position India as a global leader in agarwood production and export while ensuring long-term socio-economic benefits for the region.

(b) IMC for Integration of Industry 4.0 in Manufacturing sector and strengthening of Logistics in NER

An Inter – Ministerial Committee (IMC) for **Integration of Industry 4.0 in Manufacturing sector and strengthening of Logistics in NER** has been

constituted with representation from concerned line ministries, state Governments and other agencies to recommend strategies and guide the way forward. Several deliberations and discussions have been held with IMC members and private sector players. The IMC will present a report featuring investment-ready projects that apply Industry 4.0 technologies—such as AI, IoT, 5G, 3D printing, cloud services, AR/VR, robotics, automation, and blockchain—across key sectors in NER, including agriculture, education, skill development, tourism, healthcare, handloom, and textiles.

With regards to strengthening of logistics in NER, the IMC has done an analysis of the current status of policy interventions and infrastructure projects aimed at easing logistics challenges. A peer-to-peer analysis of state logistics policies (SLPs) has been conducted among NER states and also with other states. The findings are benchmarked against the National Logistics Policy and the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan. Critical gaps in the logistics sector have been identified highlighting deficiencies in policy reforms, regulatory measures, and infrastructure. Based on the identified gaps, actionable recommendations are being formulated and presented to state governments. A roadmap is being collaboratively prepared for implementing the recommended action items, ensuring alignment with strategic objectives

(c) IMC for Fish, Egg & Poultry, Milk and Meat in the North Eastern Region (NER)

The Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC), under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) has been constituted with representatives from Ministry of DoNER, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Departments of NER state governments, Assam Agricultural University and Ministry of Rural Development and Industry stakeholders and technical experts etc. to address challenges and unlock the potential of the milk, fish, meat, egg, and poultry sectors self-sufficiency in the NER. The IMC will present a report on comprehensive roadmap for enhancing inter-regional trade, reducing import dependency, and exploring export opportunities in these sectors.

3.3 Mission mode program for Saturation of Model Blocks & Villages (SAMBHAV)

A mission mode program “SAMBHAV” was conceptualized to enable the most backward and isolated communities to achieve their full potential and become “Atmanirbhar” through equal access to basic services and opportunities. This pilot program targets to saturate identified 15 basic services in the 75 Gram Panchayats (GPs) / Villages spread across 40 districts in the NE States. The services selected for saturation are based on National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI); and are identified for their potential to afford ease of living to the villagers. Progress on SAMBHAV is sought to be achieved in convergence within the existing schemes of the Government. These are to be monitored on the KPIs against 20 flagship Schemes of 12 Central Ministries / Departments.

Under SAMBHAV, initiatives for developing ‘Atmanirbhar Communities’ have been conceptualized for improving the overall quality of life, promoting sustainable development, providing better healthcare, education, infrastructure, and livelihood opportunities. It also ensures accessibility of basic amenities and saturate all basic services to achieve Sustainable Development Goals of the villagers with the help of non-state players with local presence apart from the State Governments.

The saturation of 40 KPIs across 20 services in across various sectors are being monitored through online portal. The Ministry of DoNER has been monitoring the performances in these 75 GPs/VCs.

3.4 Mission Karmayogi

The National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) aims to embark on a learning transformation program that will help in enhancing the capacity building of civil servants including contractual employees across different Ministries, Departments and organization.

MDoNER has on boarded itself on iGoT platform and created MDO Admin. Total 92 employees have registered on the portal <https://igotkarmayogi.gov.in> and have completed 1003 courses.

The Annual Capacity Building Plan of the Ministry of DoNER and NEC has been finalized.

The following summary highlights the latest developments in the implementation of Mission Karmayogi at MDoNER.

a) Onboarding of Ministry Officials on iGOT

MDoNER has completed 100% onboarding of its officials on the iGOT Karmayogi platform.

b) Course Completion Rate

MDoNER officials have completed 1003 courses. A total 75 officials have completed at least one course, 68 have completed at least 3 courses, and 38 officials have completed 10 or more courses.

c) National Learning Week (NLW)

The week-long program (19th-27th October) aimed to foster a 'One Government' vision by instilling a commitment to lifelong learning and self-improvement for over 30 lakh central civil servants. MDoNER officials were encouraged to complete mandatory 4 hours of courses (including live webinars) on the iGOT portal during the NLW. In alignment with NLW, MDoNER organized two hybrid webinars on "Understanding North East India" and "Pioneering Sustainability: Sikkim's Unique Approach". Officials recorded a total learning hour of 196 hr. during the NLW.

3.5 North East Investment Promotion

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) is in preparation to organize a 'North East Investors Summit' in Delhi to promote trade and investment in the North Eastern Region. The Summit is intended to provide a platform for an immersive dialogue between selected embassies, the business community, financial institutions, and relevant stakeholders for forging mutually beneficial partnerships. The

focus sectors of the summit include Tourism and Hospitality, Agro-Food Processing & allied sectors, Textiles, Handloom and Handicrafts, Healthcare, Education, Skill Development, IT/ITeS, Entertainment & Sports. As a part of pre-summit activities of North East Investor Summit, various activities have been undertaken so far, which *inter alia* include roadshows in Mumbai (29th May, 2023), Hyderabad (3rd July, 2023), Kolkata (19th February, 2024), Bengaluru (26th September, 2024), Hyderabad (13th November, 2024) and Mumbai (16th December, 2024) and participation of MDoNER alongwith all the NE States in the Vibrant Gujarat Trade Show 2024. The roadshows provided a platform to NE States to connect with potential investors, and highlight the investment potential of the North Eastern States. The objective of the roadshows was to initiate dialogue between interested business houses and Industry leaders with the State Government.



Roadshow in Kolkata



Bengaluru Roadshow



Mumbai Roadshow



Hyderabad Roadshow

MDoNER also organized a MoU signing event on 6th March, 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, which served as a platform for the exchange of MoUs between State Governments and investors and was preceded by Business-to-Government (B2G) meetings. As a result of various pre-summit activities, a total of 120 MOUs worth Rs. 43,939 crore have been signed between the North Eastern States & Investors



Fig: MoU signing event in New Delhi

3.6 Schemes/ Initiatives and other highlights of Ministry of DoNER

3.6.1 Development of Physical and Social Infrastructure

The scheme of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) has been a scheme for gap funding for creation of infrastructure in the States of NER. The NLCPR Scheme of the Ministry has been re-structured as North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) to meet the gaps in social and physical infrastructure in the region. NESIDS is a 100% Centrally funded Central Sector Scheme. Hill Area Development Pilot Scheme for development of backward districts of Tamenglong and Noney in the state of Manipur is a sub-scheme of NESIDS, which was introduced during 2018-19 and is under implementation. Under NLCPR-Central - a Central Sector Plan scheme, projects of Union Ministries/Departments, which exceeds 10% GBS expenditure in a year, pertaining to subjects listed in the Union and Concurrent Lists, are being funded. However, no new projects are sanctioned under NLCPR- Central and only on-going projects are funded under the Scheme.

Three Special Development Packages, namely, Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), Dima Hasao Autonomous Territorial Council (DHATC) and Karbi Anglong Autonomous Territorial Council (KATC) are also being implemented in Assam to

meet the aspirations of the people of the areas under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Schemes of MDoNER during the remaining period of 15th Finance Commission i.e. from 2022-23 to 2025-26.

3.6.2 Livelihoods & Entrepreneurship

The North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Society (NERCORMS), a registered society under the aegis of North Eastern Council (NEC), Ministry of DoNER. NERCORMS has transformed the lives of vulnerable communities of the North East India in last 2 (two) decades by successfully implementing the North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP) in the states of Arunachal Pradesh (Changlang, Longding and Tirap districts), Assam (Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong districts), Manipur (Chandel, Churachandpur, Senapati and Ukhrul) and Meghalaya (West Khasi Hills & West Garo Hills districts). Presently, NERCORMS is transforming NER by implementing various livelihood projects of the North Eastern Council (NEC).

Ministry of DoNER provides interest free loans to North East Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) to catalyze industrial growth and nurture entrepreneurship in the North East Region.

3.6.3 Budget Allocation and Expenditure of MDoNER

Against the Budgetary Allocation of Rs. 5900.00 crore for F.Y. 2024-25, Revised Estimates is now Rs. 4006.00 crore, out of which Rs.2341.65 were spent till 31.12.2024 (Rs. 2315.73 crore was released in implementation of various schemes of the Ministry till 31.12.2024.). The Scheme-wise budget allocation and release for expenditure of Ministry of DoNER during 2024-25 is attached as an **Annexure–V**.

3.6.4 Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

Earmarking of funds by the MDoNER in respect of Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) (erstwhile Scheduled Castes Sub Plan) was fixed at 8.3% of schemes budget whereas in respect of Development Action Plan for Scheduled

Tribes (DAPST) (erstwhile Tribal Sub Plan) earmarking of funds was 27.18% of scheme budget for the F.Y. 2023-24 and also for FY 2024-25.

During the FY 2024-25, out of the allocated budget of Rs. 490.00 crore under DAPSC, an expenditure of Rs. 227.72 crore has been incurred in 2024-25 till 31.12.2024, while under the DAPST; an expenditure of Rs. 920.91crore has been incurred under DAPST, out of the allocated budget of Rs.1790.00 crore during the Financial Year 2024-2025. The details of DAPSC and of DAPST are given in Table 1.2 and in Table 1.3 respectively, as under:

Table 1.2: Expenditure under Development Action Plan for Schedule Castes (DAPSC) for FY 2023-24 and 2024-25

(Rs. in Cr.)

S. No.	Details of the Scheme	Scheme BE 2023-24	Amount allotted under DAPSC (BE 2023-24)	Amount allotted under DAPSC (RE 2023-24)	Exp. incurred in 2023-24	Scheme BE 2024-25	Amount allotted under DAPSC (BE 2024-25)	Amount allotted under DAPSC (Tentative RE 2024-25)	Exp. incurred in 2024-25 as on 31.12.2024
1	Schemes of North Eastern Council	729.54	68.00	71.36	68.94	820.00	70.00	70.00	43.41
2.	North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)	2446.10	220.00	220.00	99.94	2491.00	210.00	140.00	97.31
3	Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE)	2200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	2200.00	210.00	130.00	87.00
	Total for Scheme with DAPSC	5375.64	488.00	491.36	168.88	5511.00	490.00	340.00	227.72

Table 1.3: Expenditure under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST) for FY 2023-24 and 2024-25

(Rs. in

Cr.)

S. No.	Details of the Scheme	Scheme BE 2023-24	Amount allotted under DAPST (BE 2023-24)	Amount allotted under DAPST (RE 2023-24)	Exp. incurred in 2023-24	Scheme BE 2024-25	Amount allotted under DAPST (BE 2024-25)	Amount allotted under DAPST (Tentative RE 2024-25)	Exp. incurred in 2024-25 as on 31.12.2024
1.	Schemes of North Eastern Council	800.00	230.00	265.00	264.85	820.00	230.00	230.00	158.39
2.	North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)	2491.00	690.00	690.00	452.03	2491.00	660.00	550.00	467.66
3.	Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE)	2200.00	610.00	585.00	4.50	2200.00	635.00	440.00	268.65
4.	Special Package for Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC)	100.00	45.00	45.00	3.35	174.66	110.00	20.00	0.00
5.	Special Package for Karbi Anglong Territorial Council (KAATC)	100.00	60.00	60.00	4.49	50.00	35.00	61.00	26.21
6.	Special Package for Dima Hasao Territorial Council (DHATC)	100.00	55.00	55.00	25.08	60.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
	Total for Scheme with DAPST	5791.00	1690.00	1700.00	754.30	5795.66	1700.00	1331.00	920.91

3.6.5 37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela

MDoNER through its CPSE viz. North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Ltd. (NEHHDC) participated in the 37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela organized from 2nd to 18th February, 2024. Through this event, NEHHDC highlighted the North Eastern Crafts before the gathering and provided a comprehensive national/international markets enabled platform for various handicrafts and handlooms to promote rich crafts of the North Eastern Region



Fig: 37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela

3.6.6 North East Sammelan

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region organized 'North East Sammelan' on 4th February, 2024 at New Delhi. The event showcased the 09 years achievements of Union Government in the North Eastern Region. During the event, Foundation Stone of North Eastern Cultural & Social Institute, Dwarka, New Delhi was laid and Barak Hostel, JNU, New Delhi was inaugurated. The event also witnessed participation of senior officers of Government of India, North Eastern States, representatives of various associations, eminent personalities, achievers, intellectuals, students etc. of North Eastern States. During the event, exhibitions/stalls were also set up to showcase handlooms, handicrafts, Agri-products, etc. of North Eastern Region.



Fig: North East Sammelan, New Delhi

3.6.7 Vividhta ka Amrit Mahotsav: - On 08th February, 2024, inaugurated the 4-days cultural extravaganza "Vividhtaka Amrit Mahotsav": A cultural odyssey unveiling the richness of Northeast India at Amrit Udyan, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. MDoNER organized this event in partnership with the Ministry of Culture. The Mahotsav showcased the rich diversity of Northeast India, blending traditional arts, crafts, and cultures under one vibrant umbrella. The Mahotsav also celebrated the vibrant tapestry of diverse flavours and unique traditions of Northeast India's culinary landscape including Assam Laksa, Manipur's Eromba etc.



Fig: Vividhata ka Amrit Mahotsav

3.6.8. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) roundtable

A Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) roundtable on 'Leveraging CSR for Accelerating SDGs in the North Eastern Region' was organized by MDoNER on 15th February, 2024 in New Delhi with the participation of Ministry of Corporate Affairs; North Eastern States, representatives of CPSEs, various corporates and NGOs. The roundtable provided a platform to the states to share ideas about increasing CSR spend in NER.



Fig: CSR Roundtable, New Delhi

3.6.9. Purvottara Vikas Chintan Shivir: On 13th September, 2024, “Purvottara Vikas Chintan Shivir” was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MDoNER. Representatives of 54 Union Ministries/Departments, NITI Aayog, Border Road Organization, Deputy Commissioners of 14 Aspirational Districts of NE, Planning Secretaries of all NE States, Senior Officers of MDoNER and its organizations participated in the dialogue and offered valuable inputs for streamlining timely project implementation.

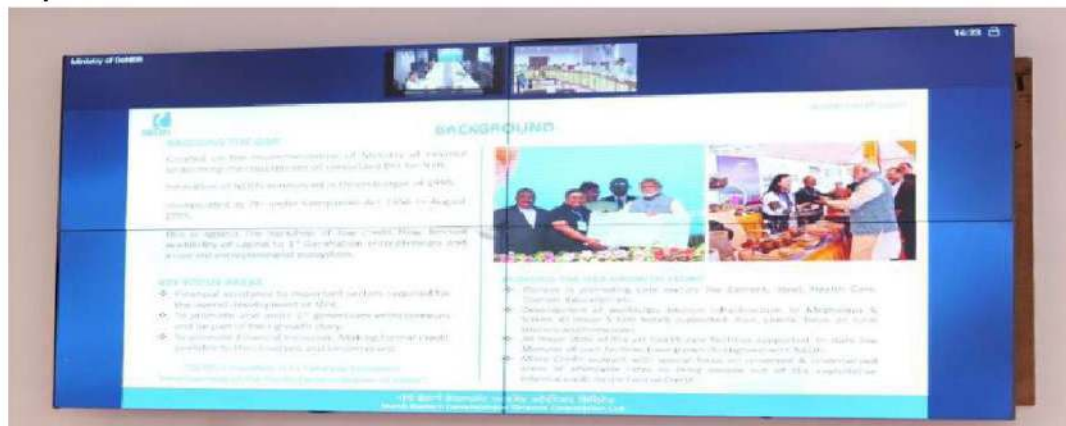


Fig: Purvottara Vikas Chintan Shivir, New Delhi

3.6.10. Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav: On 29 September, 2024, Hon'ble President of India, inaugurated the “Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav” held from 29th September to 6th October, 2024 at Rashtrapati Nilayam, Hyderabad. Hon'ble Governor of all NE States and Telangna, Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, Union Minister of State, MDoNER also graced the Inauguration. The eight-day festival was held to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the North-Eastern States, offering visitors a unique opportunity to explore the vibrant arts, crafts, music, dance, and culinary delights from the region. Over 300 talented artists and artisans from these regions showcased their

diverse traditions, resulting in sales exceeding ₹2 crore. The GI Pavilion exhibited 31 Geographical Indication-tagged textiles and crafts from the Northeast, while live demonstrations of 10 indigenous products captivated audiences, offering insight into the rich cultural heritage of the region.



Fig: Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav

3.6.11. Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav- 2024

MDoNER through its CPSE viz. North Eastern Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation Ltd. (NEHHDC) organized Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav- 2024 from 6th to 8th December, 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The three days event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. The Union Minister for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chief Minister of Tripura, Dr. Manik Saha, Chief

Minister of Meghalaya, Shri Conrad Sangma, Chief Minister of Sikkim, Shri Prem Singh Tamang and Union Minister of State for Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region Dr. Sukanta Majumdar were present among other dignitaries at the inaugural event. The event highlighted the vast cultural tapestry of Northeast India, bringing together an array of traditional arts, crafts, and cultural practices. To promote economic opportunities in areas such as traditional handicrafts, handlooms, agricultural products, and tourism, the Mahotsav featured a variety of events. The key components of the festival include artisan exhibitions, Grameen haats, state specific pavilions and technical sessions on key areas crucial to the development of the northeastern region. Key events include Investors Roundtable and Buyer-Seller meets designed to be a unique opportunity to build and strengthen networks, partnerships, and joint initiatives boosting economic growth of the region. The Mahotsav also featured Design conclave and Fashion shows displaying the rich handloom and handicraft traditions of Northeast India at the national stage. Highlighting the region's rich cultural heritage, the festival also showcased vibrant musical performances and indigenous cuisines of North East India. Hon'ble Prime Minister unveiled a commemorative postage stamp on the occasion.

During the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav 2024, NEHHDC identified & mobilised around 605 numbers of artisans, weavers, entrepreneurs, retail sellers of handlooms, handicrafts and agri-horti products from all the North Eastern states.





Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav- 2024

Bridging Social and Physical Infrastructure Gaps in NER

Chapter 4

Bridging Social and Physical Infrastructure Gaps in NER

The Government has proactively undertaken multiple initiatives to develop new infrastructure and enhance existing facilities in the NER. These initiatives encompass efforts to bolster air, road, rail, waterways, and telecom connectivity in NER through the implementation of ongoing and new schemes/projects by various Central Ministries/Departments/Organizations. The MDONER is spearheading the implementation of vital schemes such as the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)-Roads, NESIDS (OTRI), NERSDS programme component, and Special Packages for the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), Dima Hasao Territorial Council (DHATC), and Karbi Anglong Autonomous Territorial Council (KAATC).. These concerted efforts signify the government's unwavering commitment to driving comprehensive infrastructure development in the region.

4.1 Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) Scheme

The Union Cabinet approved the PM-DevINE Scheme on 12.10.2022, as a Central Sector Scheme with 100% Central funding, with a total outlay of Rs.6,600 crore for the 4 year period from 2022-23 to 2025-26. PM-DevINE aims at rapid and holistic development of the North-East Region by funding infrastructure and social development projects based on felt needs of the States. It strives to fill gaps in various sectors and will not be a substitute for existing Central and State Schemes.

- i. The objectives of PM-DevINE are to:
 - a. Fund infrastructure convergently in the spirit of PM GatiShakti
 - b. Support social development projects based on felt needs of the NER
 - c. Enable livelihood activities for youth and women
 - d. Fill the development gaps in various sectors
- ii. The initial list of projects announced in the Budget 2022-23 is given below:

INITIAL LIST OF PROJECTS UNDER PM-DevINE

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Total tentative cost (in crore)
1	Establishment of Dedicated Services for the Management of Paediatric and Adult Haemotolymphoid Cancers in North East India, Guwahati (Multi-State)	129
2	NECTAR Livelihood Improvement Project (Multi-State)	67
3	Promoting Scientific Organic Agriculture in North East India (Multi-State)	45
4	Construction of Aizawl By-pass on Western Side	500
5	Gap funding for Passenger Ropeway system for Pelling to Sanga-Choeling in West Sikkim	64
6	Gap funding for Eco-friendly Ropeway (Cable Car) from Dhapper to Bhaleydhunga in South Sikkim	58
7	Pilot Project for Construction of Bamboo Link Road at Different Locations in Various Districts in the State of Mizoram	100
8	Others (to be identified)	537
	Total	1500

An Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee (EIMC) under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER screens, appraises and recommends project proposals for implementation by appropriate agency. The Committee also monitor progress of sanctioned projects to ensure proper utilization of the allocated funds under the scheme.

Twelve meetings of the Empowered Inter-Ministerial Committee of PM-DevINE Scheme have been held till 30.11.2024. Based on the recommendations of the EIMC, the 35 projects worth Rs.4857.11(**Annexure-VI**) crore have been sanctioned under PM-DevINE since inception and upto 30th November, 2024:

4.2 North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (Roads) -NESIDS (Roads)

NESIDS is a central sector scheme, which aims to support filling up the infrastructure gaps in identified sectors of the NER such as drinking water supply, power, road connectivity, tourism and social infrastructure in the areas of primary and secondary sectors of education and health. The NESIDS scheme was approved during 2017-18

and was implemented till 31.03.2022. The approval for extension of NESIDS Schemes w.e.f. 01.04.2022 till 31.03.2026 has been accorded by the Government on 4th January, 2023.

During the process of extension of the NESIDS w.e.f. 01.04.2022, the erstwhile NESIDS has been restructured into following two components viz. NESIDS (Roads) and NESIDS (Other than Road Infrastructure).

NESIDS (Road) subsumes the ongoing projects of the following schemes:

- (i) North East Road Sector Development Schemes (NERSDS)
- (ii) Road/Bridges projects of North Eastern Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (**NESIDS**)

The scheme aims to provide specific gap-funding in construction of roads that are not getting covered under any other Ministry/Department of Government like MoRTH, DoRD, BRO, etc. but are necessary to (a) provide access to remote locations, (b) to markets and (c) from a security point of view.

Till 31.12.2024, 98 projects worth ₹ 4851.51 crore have been sanctioned out of which 45 projects worth Rs.1886.37 crore have been physically completed and 53 projects worth Rs.2965.14 crore are ongoing under NESIDS (Roads).

4.3 North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (Other Than Road)- NESIDS (OTRI)

This component subsumes the project sanctioned (but not yet completed) under its predecessor following schemes:

- (i) Non-Lapasable Central Pool of Resources (**NLCPR**)
- (ii) North Eastern Special Infrastructure Development Schemes (**NESIDS**)
- (iii) Hill Area Development Programme (**HADP**)

Till 31.12.2024, a total of 1564 projects worth ₹19161 crore have been sanctioned, out of which 1146 projects worth ₹12039 crore have been completed and 418 projects worth ₹7122 crore are ongoing under NESIDS (OTRI).

2.3(i) Major activities during 2024

- (a) State Level Empowered Committee (SLEC) meetings were held in each of the NE States and recommended projects for selection/sanction.
- (b) The Empowered Inter-Ministerial NESIDS/NLCPR Committee meetings were held Six times in 2024 and considered the SLEC recommended projects for selection and sanction.

2.3(ii) Allocation of fund to the State

Total amount of projects to be retained in a year depend on the Normative Allocation of the State. Funds under normative allocation are distributed amongst States on the basis of weightage attached which are derived from certain parameters e.g. area, population, human development index, road density, percentage of census etc.

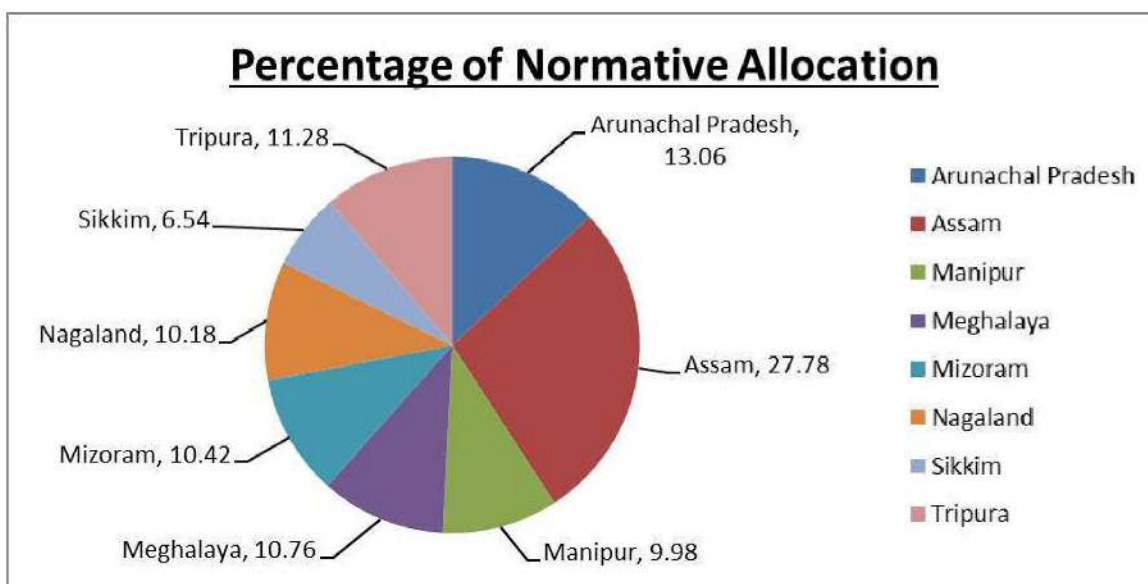
Table 2.2: Normative Allocation Weightage

S.No	Characteristics	Weights attached
1	Area	25%
2	Population (census 2011)	25%
3	Human Development Index	15% (in inverse proportion)
4	Road Density per 1000 sq. Km	7% (in inverse proportion)
5	Percentage of Census Villages Electrified	6% (in inverse proportion)
6	Number of Hospital beds (Allopathy) per 1000 persons	6% (in inverse proportion)
7	Percentage of households having safe drinking water	6% (in inverse proportion)
8	Completion rate of NLCPR projects	10%

The percentage of funds worked out as per above criterion for normative allocation including NESIDS is in **Table 2.3**.

Table 2.3: State-wise Percentage of Normative Allocation

Sl. No	State	Percentage (%)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	13.06
2	Assam	27.78
3	Manipur	9.98
4	Meghalaya	10.76
5	Mizoram	10.42
6	Nagaland	10.18
7	Sikkim	6.54
8	Tripura	11.28
	Total	100.00



Graph 2.1: Percentage of Normative Allocation

4.4 Schemes of NEC

A Central Sector scheme named “Schemes of North Eastern Council (NEC)” fully funded by the Government of India, was under implementation since 10th Finance Commission period and is continued till 31.03.2026 to fill up gaps in overall development of the Region. Schemes of NEC continued unaltered with critical gap interventions in multiple sectors for speedy and holistic development of NER. The Scheme will cover all the eight states of the North Eastern Region. Detailed guidelines for Schemes of NEC were issued on 21st August 2023.

As on 31.12.2024, a total of 1778 Projects worth Rs. 13112.57 crore have been sanctioned, out of which 1185 projects worth Rs.9718.88 crore have been completed and 593 projects worth Rs. 3393.69 crore are ongoing under Schemes of NEC.

4.5 Special Development Packages

4.5.1 Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC)

As per Memorandum of Settlement (MoS), signed among Govt. of India, Govt. of Assam and Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT) on 10.02.2003, Govt. of India agreed to provide a package of Rs. 500 Cr. with financial assistance of Rs. 100 Cr. per annum for 5 years for projects to develop socio-economic infrastructure in BTC areas, over and above normal planned assistance to Assam. In August, 2008 an "Additional Package of Rs.250 Cr." was announced.

Further as per Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) signed between Govt. of India, Govt. of Assam and Bodo Groups (ABSU and NDFB factions) on 27.01.2020. A sum of Rs.750 crore (Rs. 250 crore for three years) has been allocated.

As on 31.12.2024, a total of 68 projects worth Rs. 812.44 crore have been sanctioned under BTC package, 63 projects worth Rs. 700.65 crore are completed and 5 projects worth Rs.111.79 crore are ongoing.

4.5.2 Karbi Anglong Autonomous Territorial Council (KAATC)

As per Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) signed among Govt. of India, Govt. of Assam and United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) on 25.11.2011, Govt. of India agreed to provide a Special Economic Package of Rs. 350 Cr. (@Rs. 70 crore

per annum) over and above Plan fund over next five years to KAATC through Govt. of Assam to undertake special projects proposed by the Council.

As per clause 5.1 of the Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) signed between Govt. of India, Govt. of Assam and Karbi Groups on 04.09.2021, Government of India will allocate Rs.500 Cr. (100 Cr. per annum) for five years. Under new KAATC package a sum of Rs.500 crore (Rs.100 crore per annum for 5 years) have been allocated for the development of infrastructure in KAATC area.

As on 31.12.2024, a total of 28 projects worth Rs. 419.44 crore have been sanctioned under KAATC package, 6 projects worth Rs. 61.67 crore are completed and 22 projects worth Rs. 357.77 crore are ongoing.

4.5.3 Dima Hasao Autonomous Territorial Council (DHATC)

As per Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) signed among Govt. of India, Govt. of Assam and Dima Halam Daogah (DHD) on 08.10.2012, Govt. of India agreed to provide a Special Economic Package of Rs. 200 crore. (@Rs. 40 crore. per annum) to DHATC for 5 years over and above Plan fund through Govt. of Assam to undertake special projects proposed by the Council.

As on 31.12.2024, a total of 14 projects worth Rs. 195.82 crore have sanctioned under DHATC package and 02 projects worth Rs.19.87 crore have been completed. 12 projects worth Rs 175.93 crore are ongoing.

4.6 Social and Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF)

The Union Finance Minister, in his budget speech for 2008-09, announced to set apart a sum of Rs. 500.00 crore (subsequently enhanced to Rs. 586.20 crore) for NER, especially for Arunachal Pradesh and other border areas facing special problems that cannot be tackled through normal schemes. Though the budget of DoNER reflects an indicative provision for this purpose, the amount does not have any additionality in the GBS of the Ministry as the indicative provision is debitible from the Public Accounts.

A total of 37 projects have been approved under SIDF and an amount of Rs.561.64 crore has been released so far.

An allocation of Rs.11.00 crore was made at BE which was revised to Rs.5.66 crore at RE stage in 2022-23. The year-wise break-up of the releases are in **Table 2.4**.

Table 2.4: Releases under SIDF

(Rs. in Cr.)

Financial Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Amount Released	0.00	106.97	75.17	73.77	41.57	49.88	47.73	54.38	26.80	27.89	36.00	3.22	5.00	0.0

4.7 Externally Aided Projects (EAPs)

Externally Aided Projects (**EAPs**) is an important window for getting funds and technical expertise for development of sectors which are intrinsic to NER. Several agencies such as World Bank, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Asian Development Bank, Kreditanstalt Fur Wiederaufbau (KFW), Deutsche Gesellschaft fur International Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) etc have been funding various developmental projects thereby contributing towards development in the region. External Assistance has gained significance in order to acquire competitive strength under the globalized economic framework for social and infrastructure sectors and has enabled several developmental schemes in the region.

Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) has a dedicated portal for processing the application of externally aided project proposals since 01.01.2019. DEA is only accepting the online applications. The silent future of guidelines dated 25.11.2019 for posing, implementation and monitoring of EAP for NER are as follows:

State Sector Projects: PPR should be uploaded on EAP portal, verified by the nodal officer of the State and marked (online by nodal officer) to all the line ministries and NITI Aayog for comments/concurrence. If no comments are received by the concerned Ministries/Departments within the stipulated time period, it may be tantamount that the Ministries/Departments has no comments to offer.

As the Nodal Ministry for NE region, MDoNER has mandated to ensure that comments from concerned Central Ministries as well as NITI Aayog along with MDoNER's comments are sent to DEA within the stipulated time.

Central Sector Projects: For Central Sector Projects, PPR should be uploaded on EAP portal, verified by the nodal officer of the concerned Ministry/Department and marked by nodal officer to all the line ministries and NITI Aayog for comments/concurrence. Comments and concurrence of the NITI Aayog and line ministries/departments need to be received online within 30 days of the receipt of the proposal on portal. If no comments by NITI Aayog and other ministries/departments are received within stipulated time period, it may be assumed that they have no comments to offer.

After obtaining clearance/comments/NoC, the same is used by DEA for taking final decision on the proposals in the Screening Committee Meeting.

Some of the other important features of the guidelines are as follows:

- a) The proposals seeking external financial assistance should generally be aligned with the developmental priorities of the State Governments as well as Gol.
- b) For all the externally aided projects, a project implementation team should be established and held fully responsible for the project execution within the approved time and cost.
- c) Proposal for external assistance shall not be sent directly by any Central Ministry or State Government to the bilateral and multilateral funding agencies, the same should be forwarded through DEA.
- d) Project authorities shall improve monitoring of the projects by including comprehensive evaluation of the project both of performance and impact in the project design itself. Project authorities are expected to submit: (a) project completion report on the physical-financial parameters and (b) evaluation report on the project objective achievement parameters after completion of the project. It is also necessary to obtain the approval of the competent authority for the project.
- e) All proposals for TA facility will also submitted by PIAs/State Govt./ Central Ministry concerned in the prescribed format and submit the same on the online portal.

- f) A total of 8 project proposals amounting to the tune of Rs. 5165.91 crores were approved by the DEA Screening Committee for NER in various sectors viz. health, infrastructure, agriculture, power, education, tourism, environment etc., and further posed to the various foreign banks/financial institutions. A total of 5 project proposals amounting to the tune of Rs. 1764.58 crores were supported by MDoNER.

Institutions/Organisation under Ministry of DoNER

Chapter 5

Institutions/Organisation under Ministry of DoNER

5.1 North Eastern Council (NEC)

5.1.1 Introduction

The North Eastern Council (NEC) was constituted as a statutory advisory body by an Act of Parliament under the NEC Act, 1971 (84 of 1971) marking the beginning of a new chapter of concerted and planned endeavor for rapid socio-economic development of the North Eastern Region (NER). Over the last fifty years, the Council has played a significant role in ushering development into the region at a time when most of states were in their formative stages. Road and air connectivity was supported, foundations for important regional Institutions were established, and various socio-economic infrastructures were created across the length and breadth of the Region, making a difference in the lives of the people and thereby earning a lot of goodwill in the local community. Presently, NEC is looking to continue its efforts, especially in terms of gap-filling in areas which have escaped the attention of various development agencies, and creating convergence at different levels. NEC is also looking at building capacities, sharing best practices and introducing cutting edge technologies among the NE states.

5.1.2 Major Achievements/Activities of NEC during the Year 2024

During January to December, 2024, under Schemes of NEC, a total of 51 projects worth Rs.216.33 Crore were sanctioned and 116 projects worth Rs. 1248.99 Crore were completed. List of projects completed during this period is given at **Annexure-VII(A)**.

During the same period, twelve(12) projects worth Rs.780.94 Cr. were sanctioned, five(5) projects worth Rs.161.34 Cr. were completed under NESIDS-Roads. The list is given at **Annexure-VII(B)**.

The list of 23 major projects(Rs.10.00 Cr. and above) worth Rs.991.57 Crore completed under Schemes of NEC during this period is given in **Annexure-VIII**

5.1.3 72nd Plenary of North Eastern Council

The 72nd Plenary of the North Eastern Council (NEC) was held on 21st December, 2024 at Agartala under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Home Minister as Chairperson NEC. Hon'ble Union Minister of M/o DoNER as Vice-Chairman, NEC and Minister of State, M/o DoNER along with the members of the Council attended the meeting. Hon'ble Governors, Chief Ministers and Chief Secretaries alongwith state officials of all the 8 NE States and some central ministries have participated in it. Report on activities of NEC during the year 2023-24 & 2024-25(Q1 & Q2), presentation on Annual Plan of Operation (APO)for 2024-25 were laid. Brief presentation was made by Secretary, M/o DoNER on proposal for timely consultation with Chief Secretaries of NE States to get inputs on NEC Agenda, Five Point Framework for Development of North East, recent initiatives by M/o DoNER, report on Ashta lakshmi Mahotsav, proposed North East Investors Summit and Constitution of Chief Ministers' Task Force.

5.2 North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC)

North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC) [erstwhile Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC)] is an ISO 9001:2008 certified organization and was established in the year 2000 as part of Cane and Bamboo Technological Up-gradation and Networking Project of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). NECBDC was registered as a Society on 21st July 2004 with the Secretary, NEC as the Chairman and Mission Directors of State Bamboo Mission of the eight North Eastern States as Members of the Governing Body of NECBDC. NECBDC has been steadfast in its commitment to developing the bamboo and cane sector, particularly for the NER.

The activities of NECBDC for the period January 2024 to December 2024 are as under:

5.2.1 Capacity Building & Skill Development

The NECBDC, in collaboration with Government agencies and reputed NGOs, conducted training programs on various Cane and Bamboo product development in NECBDC campus and at various locations in the NE States from January 2024 to

December 2024 and trained 2587 artisans during this period. The list of training funded by NEC and other agencies is in **Annexure—IX** and **Annexure—X**, respectively. NECBDC conducted regular workshops and implemented various projects on Cane and Bamboo processing facilities during the reference period given in **Annexure-XI** and **Annexure-XII**.

Workshop at NID, Jorhat - Musashino Art University, Japan & National Institute of Design, Assam under the JICA Project

NECBDC signed the following MoUs:-

- An MoU was signed between NECBDC and Valeur Fabtex Pvt Ltd. on 02.02.2024.
- An MoU signed with M/s Surujmukhi NGO, for murah-making cluster at Nemuguri, Sivasagar (Assam) on Oct 23rd, 2024.
- An MoU was signed on November 12th, 2024, between ICFRE-Rain Forest Research Institute (ICFRE-RFRI), Jorhat and the North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC), Guwahati, Assam.
- An MoU was signed between Girijananda Chowdhury University and North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC), Guwahati, Assam on 18th, November 2024.
- An MoU was signed between Medhavi Skills University and North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC), Guwahati, Assam on November 21st, 2024.

5.2.2 Celebrations

- NECBDC celebrated 'World Environment Day 2024', on June 5th, 2024, and a bamboo plantation drive within the NECBDC campus and in the nearby locality conducted.
- NECBDC celebrated World Bamboo Day 2024 themed "Next Generation Bamboo: Solution, Innovation, and Design" on September 18, 2024 at the NECBDC office, Burnihat, Guwahati, Assam.

5.2.3 Exhibitions & Trade Fairs

NECBDC participated in the 3rd Edition of Momentum North East 2024 held from

February 8th to 10th, 2024 in Guwahati, Assam, hosted by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI).

NECBDC hosted Marketing Linkage Activities with Amazon with participation of NGOs/ Cluster Partners in the event including the workshop regarding on boarding for Amazon market linkage programme on November 21, 2024 at NECBDC, Guwahati Assam and on November 23, 2024 at Kakapather, Tinsukia, Assam.

NECBDC participated in the exhibition at Girijananda Chowdhury University, Guwahati, Assam on 19th, November 2024 on the occasion of inauguration ceremony of 'Centre for Wild life and Environmental Studies'.

NECBDC participated in the 21st Edition of "Kerala Bamboo Fest' a National Event for the promotion of Bamboo Sector from December 8 - 12, 2024 at Marine Drive Ground, Kochi, Kerala. Organized by Kerala State Bamboo Mission (KSBM) and Kerala Bureau of Industrial Promotion (KBIP) in association with National Bamboo Mission, Government of India, New Delhi.

NECBDC and Bamboo Technical Support Group (BTSG) under National Bamboo Mission (NBM), Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India participated in the Aspiring Odisha exhibition from December 12th – 14th, 2024 at Narmada Garden, Raghunathpur, Baripada, Odisha.

5.2.4 Knowledge Sharing.

- NECBDC interacted with Marudai Co. Ltd. Japan team and officials from Assam in a consultative meeting on 6th November, 2023 at NECBDC, Burnihat, Guwahati, Assam.
- NECBDC officers met and interacted with Shri Jiro Kodera, Economic Counsellor, Embassy of Japan on 21st November 2023 at NECBDC, Burnihat, Guwahati, Assam.

5.3 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) under administrative control of Ministry of DoNER

5.3.1 North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHHDC)

Incorporated in 1977, North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation (NEHHDC) attempts to develop and promote the indigenous crafts of the region by connecting craftsmen to prospective markets and consumers and generating economic, cultural and social opportunities for creators while adding cultural value for consumers. The major activities carried out by the Corporation are-

A. Capacity Building & Skill Development

In order to play a meaningful role towards capacity building amongst the youths, women, artisans & weavers of North East region, NEHHDC has been nominated and assigned by various Central Ministries to undertake skill development. The following interventions have been initiated by NEHHDC: -

Target Achieved (1st January 2024 to 30th November 2024)

Sl. No.	Project Name	Target Sanctioned	Target Achieved
1	PMKVY 4.0 IIE	2767	2767
	PMKVY 4.0 Tripura	1000	660
2	SC ST Hub	150	150
	PM Daksh	120	119
3	SAMARTH	410	410
4	PM Vishwakarma	4760	2546
5	PMKVY 4.0 S.P.	4680	3874
6	PMKVY 4.0 S.P.	15000	1692
TOTAL		28887	12218



Training program for bamboo work artisans in Nagaland & Meghalaya

B. Ongoing Major Projects:-

NEHHDC is implementing the following projects under Schemes of NEC, which will go along way in bridging the gaps in the handicrafts & handlooms sectors in the Northeast India, and providing livelihood to the artisans & allied workers: -

- a) Establishing **ASHTLAXMI HAAT & EXPERIENCE CENTRE** at Guwahati with a project cost of ₹ 7.6 Crores . The Haat will have 24 permanent stalls which will provide a market access to artisans of all Northeast states & will also have an artisan residency to provide accommodation to artisans from North Eastern Region. It is expected to facilitate craft tourism with ethnic food & heritage and Agro & Horti products of North Eastern Region.



MODEL PICTURE of ASHTLAXMI HAAT & EXPERIENCE CENTRE

- b) Setting up an **ERI SILK SPINNING PLANT** at Integrated Textile Park, Mushalpur, Baksa (Assam) with a Project cost ₹14.92 crores. It is envisioned to provide direct employment to 375 individuals and provide indirect livelihood to approximately 2500 households.

The plant once commissioned will have a production capacity of 450 Kgs of Eri Silk Yarn per day. It will enhance the availability of Eri Yarn and give price advantage to weavers of NER. It will also support sustained livelihood to cocoon rearers in the state of Assam and other Eri Cocoon producing states in NER.



Progress of ERI SILK SPINNING PLANT at Baksa, BTR, Assam

c) Providing **MARKET DEVELOPMENT BY WAY OF DIGITALISATION, AUTHENTICATION AND TRACEABILITY** covering 10,000 weavers across 7 states (except Sikkim) in NER with a project cost ₹14.92 crores. As a part of the project implementation, more than 10,000 active looms with weavers have been identified and registered from all NE states except Sikkim. Under the scheme, as on date 9,243 out of 10,000 of Internet of things(IoT) devices have been dispatched to seven NE states of which 8,525 have been installed. The state wise details are-

IoT Installation Report			
State	Estimated Target	Installed	QR Code Distribution
Assam	5014	4001	400100
Meghalaya	506	769	76900
Arunachal Pradesh	1256	794	79400
Mizoram	1350	1287	128700
Manipur	866	709	70900
Nagaland	758	715	71500
Tripura	250	250	25000
Total	10000	8525	852500

It is estimated that through this intervention of **MARKET DEVELOPMENT BY WAY OF DIGITALISATION, AUTHENTICATION AND TRACEABILITY** there will be an increase in the income of weavers by 20-30 % in the next 2-3 years.

d) Corporation has established **JEWELLERY AND HANDICRAFT LIVELIHOOD BUSINESS INCUBATOR** at Bamunimaidam, Guwahati, Assam under the ASPIRE Scheme of Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India with a budget out lay of ₹ 1.9 Crore. This initiative aims to empower artisans and entrepreneurs specially women and marginalized groups through skill development and entrepreneurship opportunities, particularly in traditional jewelry making and handicrafts techniques preserving rich cultural heritage of the North Eastern region.

The incubation center is equipped with state-of-the-art machinery such as 3D printers, casting jewelry machines, magnetic polishers, ultrasonic cleaning machines, jewelry steam cleaners, and gemstone cutting and polishing machines. These facilities cater to entrepreneurs and industry experts, facilitating exploration and innovation.

C. Other achievements: -

- a) NEHHDC identified & mobilised 623 numbers of artisans and weavers of all the eight NE states and showcased the rich crafts of the NER and provided marketing platform to the in the recently completed ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT UTSAV, VIVIDHTA KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV 2024, SURAJKUND MELA 2024 and HGH Fair (Revenue earned for the artisans ₹351.07 lakhs) thereby providing them with markets linkages and visibility of their crafts.
- b) To highlight the significance of Eri silk culture, as a part of the 78th Independence Day celebrations, 2024, NEHHDC has inaugurated **the Eri Silk Rearing and Production Experience Centre (ESRPEC)** at the Garchuk office campus. The main aim of this centre is to promote Eri culture and demonstrate the various stages of the Eri silk lifecycle, including egg production, Eri silkworm rearing, cocoon harvesting, degumming of cocoons, hand spinning, hand-spun yarn production, and fabric production. Additionally, the centre will feature educational exhibits, videos, and interactive displays to emphasize the history, cultural significance, and technical aspects of Eri silk. Additionally, in ESRPEC, NEHHDC also displays a modern technology which is a device awarded by Intellectual Property India, The Patent Office, Government of India, titled **“A Device for Cocooning of Eri, Muga and Mulberry Silkworm”**, invented jointly by Central Silk Board and NEHHDC. This patenting device can be used for early

stages rearing, cocooning, seed cocoon storage, moth emergence and reeling cocoon storage of Eri culture.

- c) Established a **Center of Excellency** in collaboration with **Apparel Made- Ups & Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council** at Garchuk, Guwahati for conducting job-oriented and industry related curriculum for under graduate, post graduate and continuing education, to promote Training of Trainers and assessors and skilling industry professional on Apparel & Home Furnishings sectors. On May 30, 2024, the Center of Excellency was inaugurated CPEC-Garchuk. The Center aims to foster innovation, quality, and excellence, providing artisans with access to state-of-the-art facilities and training programs. Both Government Sponsored and Paid Programs are conducted at the CoE.
- d) Established in-house **Smart Handloom and Innovation Centre** under the brand name '**Nature's Weave**', which has till now produced 4977 units of sarees, stoles, dupattas, mufflers, bedsheets, curtains cushion covers and 1240 metres of other yardage fabrics made from Cotton, Eri, Mulberry, Muga silks etc. with overall sale of ₹91.03 lakhs.
- e) Established an NABL accredited **Textile Testing Laboratory**, at Garchuk, Guwahati and as on date **12,971 numbers** of Test Reports are provided to private and government agencies regarding testing fibre, yarns and fabric. The Laboratory can carry out various testing like fiber content, fiber fitness, fabric thickness, thread count, yarn count, Lea Strength Test etc.
- f) Established one fabric **Calendaring unit** for increasing the smothering and improving the luster of the finished hand-woven textile. As of now the value addition for approximately 4,796 pieces of handwoven apparels and 1,111.46 meters handwoven fabric are completed.
- g) Two **Design Card Punching** and **Auto CATD** systems have been installed along with jacquard card punching machines, punched 46,047 numbers of cards, which are mainly used to develop complex and elaborate motifs on fabrics.
- h) Launched **YARN ON WHEELS** (Har Ghar Dhaga) initiative alongwith yarn through NEHHDC mobile app which have significantly impacted the local weaving community for more affordable yarn directly at their doorstep by supplying **1,907.53** kg of yarns of Cotton, Eri, Tussar and Acrylic of **₹28.40** lakhs.

- i) NEHHDC has successfully obtained the prestigious **OEKO-TEX® STANDARD 100** certification for its Eri Silk, directly from Germany on the Nation's 78th Independence Day. This remarkable accomplishment not only elevates the region's traditional craftsmanship but also positions Eri Silk as a globally recognized, sustainable textile.
- j) **Tejaswini Assam Ideathon 2024**, sponsored by the Women Cell, Industries, Commerce & Public Enterprise Department, **Govt of Assam** and implemented by the **North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Ltd. (NEHHDC)** concluded on a high note with a vibrant prize distribution ceremony and an exhibition showcasing the innovative ideas of participants on 21st October 2024 at NEDFi House, Guwahati. Winners received **₹1.5 lakh for first place, ₹1 lakh for second, and ₹75,000 for third**, along with special awards for innovative homemakers, women in tech, and the best student ideas. This event celebrated Assam's women entrepreneurs and set the stage for future innovation and economic growth.



Tejaswini Assam Ideathon 2024

5.3.2 North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC)

NERAMAC was incorporated in 1982 as a CPSE. It functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER). NERAMAC has been envisaged and is functioning as not just a marketing agency for farmers and entrepreneurs, but also undertakes agri-horti projects, skill curriculum supplies inputs, GI produce promotion activities, agri- events and assists in

setting up of horticulture value chain (food processing) etc to holistically approach the aspect of Agri-horti development.

A revival package for NERAMAC was approved in August 2021. The Corporation has performed remarkably in the last two financial years by registering the high turnovers with net profits of Rs. 4.27 Cr. in the FY 2022-23 and Rs. 1.27 Cr. in the FY 2023-24. In the financial years 2024-25, the Corporation is also expected to achieve the targets set under the revival plan.

Major Activities of NERAMAC during the year.

1. **Bulk Marketing of Agri-Horti Produces:** Provided market linkages for more than 600 MT of Agri-Horti produces like black rice, ginger, turmeric black pepper, larger cardamom, pineapple, avocado, cashew nuts, cinnamon, king chilli, bay leaves procured from FPCs/Farmers groups across NER.



Large Cardamon of Arunachal Pradesh



Pineapple of Meghalaya

2. Retail Marketing Segment:

- i. Opening of Retail Outlet/Kiosk at National Zoological Park (NZIP), New Delhi under PPP mode
- ii. A number of small entrepreneurs have been onboarded with NERAMAC for branding and marketing of processed Agri-Horti produces.
- iii. Supplied gift hampers of assorted processed Agri-horti products to corporate clients like OIL, MDoNER, PHDCCI, NABARD, APEDA, CWC.



Retail Products marketed by NERAMAC Retail outlet at NZIP, New Delhi

3. Implementation of Projects:

- i. **Formation and Promotion of FPCs in North Eastern States:** Under this CCS of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, NERAMAC has successfully registered 220 FPOs covering over 37,000 farmers.



Product developed by FPCMarketing of large Cardamon by FPC

- ii. **Set up 3 Cold Storage in Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR):** Solar powered 3 cold storages has been set up in BTR of Assam on behalf of the BTR Council. These cold storages will benefit more than 500 local farmers of the region.

- iii. **Study conducted for MDoNER on Value Chain Assessment including mapping of market dynamics of Khasi Mandarin in NER.**

4. Event Management for promotion of Agri-Horti:

- I. Conducted 8 events across North Eastern states for promotion of Millets.
- II. Conducted State Level Workshop and User Authorization Drive for GI products across North Eastern cities with total participants of more than 600. Has resulted in over 4000 additional User's being authorised for GI.
- III. Participated in major events like Bharat Parv, Asthalaxmi, World Food India and Organised International Buyer-Seller Meets at Shillong & Aizwal.

5. Skill Development and Capacity building of farmers and small entrepreneurs of NER:

- I. **Skill Development Training under PMKVY 4.0, Training Type – SP & RPL – Sponsored by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India:** Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Special Project (SP) training programs for various job roles were carried out across the sectors in the North Eastern Region (NER) states in over 30 job roles with total beneficiary of 14,675.
- II. **Skill Development Training under SC – ST Hub, Training Type – STT – Sponsored by National SC-ST Hub:** Skill development training under the SC-ST Hub was conducted as short-term training (STT), sponsored by the National SC-ST Hub. A total of 84 beneficiaries participated in the training for the job role of mushroom grower within the agriculture sector.
- III. **IIE Skill Development Training – Sponsored by MSDE:** Trainings are provided in Assam for 946 beneficiaries in job roles within the agriculture and food processing sectors. These roles included mushroom grower, organic

grower, jam, jelly, and ketchup processing technician, pickle maker, and beekeeper.



A 280-hour, SP - Skill Development Training program on Baking Technician Operative was conducted in Darrang, Assam

Livelihood & Entrepreneurship

Chapter 6

Livelihood & Entrepreneurship

6.1 North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Society (NERCORMS)

The North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Society (NERCORMS) is a society under the North Eastern Council (NEC), Ministry of DoNER for implementation of development projects in the North Eastern Region (NER) of India. The Society successfully implemented three phases of NERCORMP project i.e. (a) NERCORMP-I from 1999 to 2008, jointly funded by Govt. of India and IFAD, (b) NERCORMP-II from 2010 to 2017, jointly funded by Govt. of India and IFAD, and (c) NERCORMP-III from 2014 to 2021, funded by the Government of India alone.

The NERCORMP-I&II were implemented in 6 districts in 3 states i.e. Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts of Assam; Ukhrul and Senapati districts of Manipur; West Garo Hills and West Khasi Hills districts of Meghalaya and NERCORMP-III in 4 districts in 2 States i.e. Changlang and Tirap (including Logding) districts of Arunachal Pradesh; Chandel and Churachandpur districts of Manipur. During three phases of NERCORMP, the society formed 2,889 Natural Resource Management Groups (NaRM-G), a village planning and implementation organisation), 8,403 Self Help Groups (SHGs), 290 NaRM-G Cluster Associations, 300 SHG Federations covering 1,18,843 households in 2,532 villages. Total investment from Government of India for the 3 phases of NERCORMP was Rs. 731.28 Crore (Total investment including fund from other agencies, support from financial institutions and community contribution was Rs. 970.94 crore).

NERCORMS, today continues implementation of development interventions beyond NERCORMP covering all States of NER of India with sanction/allotment of additional projects/schemes of NEC beyond 2021.

6.1.1 Additional Projects under NERCORMS



A 200-hour, SP - Skill Development Training program on Nursery Worker was conducted in Jorhat, Assam

The Society is currently implementing various schemes of NEC such as promotion of low chilling apple plantation, establishment of stabilized interlocking block Making Enterprises; Organic tea cultivation in Tamenglong, promotion of agarwood plantation, value addition of Naga Chilly and other spice crops for Market readiness through vacuum drying technology, Organic Tropical Fruit Tamenglong, Manipur, Construction of a Multipurpose Hall cum Badminton Hall & Futsal playground at Saikot, Churachandpur, Manipur and Development of playground at Pillangkata-Maikhuli, Ri-Bhoi; Construction of New office building of the Lyngdoh of HimaSobing village, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya and Construction of Cultural Centre in Emesiiphro Village, Senapati, Manipur etc. In the course of implementation of these projects, various trainings/capacity building in the relevant areas are imparted both on-site and offsite.



Interlocking Block Making Enterprises, Tamenglong, Manipur



Interlocking Block Making Enterprises, Senapati, Manipur



Promotion of commercial bamboo plantation in the NE India



Establishment of kiwi orchard with elite planting materials in the North East India



Value Addition of Naga Chilly and Other spice crops for Market readiness through vacuum drying technology at Poren, Nagaland



Setting up of Modern Pig Breeding units in North East India

6.1.2 Planned activities for the Financial Year 2024-25 (April 2024 to March 2025)

The present on-going additional projects are Promotion of commercial bamboo plantation in the NE India, Organic Tropical Fruit Tamenglong, Multi Agriculture Allied by North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Society (NERCORMS) in Manipur and Nagaland, Multi Agriculture Horti activities in Manipur and Meghalaya, Tourism Circuit Development in Senapati District, Manipur, promotion of tourism in North East using Digital Tools, Establishment of Stabilized Interlocking Block Packing Enterprises in NE States etc. The Society will continue implementing these projects of NEC which are under progress and will also endeavor and take up new projects with a target to fill the critical gap in livelihood sector on the basis of problem statement identified through bottom-up approach.

6.2 North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi)

North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd (NEDFi) is a public limited company established in the year 1995 under the Companies Act 1956. It is notified as a Public Financial Institution under Section 4A of the said Act and is registered since 2002 as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) with the RBI. The core business of the Corporation comprises lending activities (fund based) and fee-based activities. The lending activities are undertaken through the project finance schemes and microfinance schemes. The Corporation also provides fee-based advisory & consultancy services to the Central and State governments.

NEDFi has been playing an important role in facilitating setting up of new industrial and service sector projects in the North Eastern States. The status of sanctions and disbursements during the period January 1st, 2024, to December 31, 2024, is given below. During the period under reference, the Corporation extended financial assistance to 7,143 projects with total sanctions & disbursements of Rs. 870.76 crore and Rs. 752.10 crore respectively, facilitating capital formation of Rs. 1,559.72 crore. Various sectors financed were hotels & tourism, healthcare, education & training institute, food processing, handlooms & handicrafts, microfinance etc.

State-wise sanctions & disbursements during the period 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024:

(Rs. in Cr)

Particulars	Arunachal Pradesh	Assam	Manipur	Meghalaya	Mizoram	Nagaland	Sikkim	Tripura	Total
Sanction	50.24	592.18	51.71	35.61	39.51	39.40	22.55	39.58	870.76
Disbursement	40.59	456.72	63.57	65.62	33.48	32.76	21.10	38.28	752.10

6.2.1 Micro and Small Enterprises

For development of the Micro and Small Enterprises (MSE) sector, the Corporation has taken initiative to identify and nurture potential first generation local entrepreneurs and provide finance on easy terms to them to set up viable industrial projects. The credit schemes of the Corporation under MSE sectors are extended at concessional rate of interest. Besides, NEDFi undertakes initiatives/ activities towards promotion and development of MSME and Microfinance sectors in the region. A few snapshots of some of the success stories are given below:-





Ama Engineering is a car detailing studio located at Papum Pare District, Arunachal Pradesh. NEDFi sanctioned Rs. 10.00 lakh under North East Entrepreneurs Development Scheme (NEEDS) for setting up the unit.



Krishi Homadhan is an agricultural and livestock related products unit located at Dhemaji, Assam. NEDFi sanctioned Rs.25.00 lakh under North East Entrepreneurs Development Scheme (NEEDS) for its expansion.



Ken Bag Industries is a bag manufacturing unit located at Imphal West, Manipur. NEDFi sanctioned Rs.10.00 lakh under North East Entrepreneurs Development Scheme (NEEDS) for its expansion.



Mesh Academy is located at Shillong, Meghalaya. NEDFi sanctioned Rs.10.00 lakh under North East Entrepreneurs Development Scheme (NEEDS) for setting up the unit.



Bawmrang Studio is located at Aizawl, Mizoram NEDFi sanctioned Rs.10.00 lakh under North East Entrepreneurs Development Scheme (NEEDS) for setting up the unit..



Life Pro is a sound, video & event management unit located at Kohima, Nagaland. NEDFi sanctioned Rs.25.00 lakh under North East Entrepreneurs Development Scheme (NEEDS) for its expansion.



Pakha Homestay is located at Namchi, South Sikkim. NEDFi sanctioned Rs.10.00 lakh under North East Entrepreneurs Development Scheme (NEEDS) for setting up the unit.



Saha Enterprise is a recycled plastic granule making unit located at Agartala, Tripura. NEDFi sanctioned Rs.40.00 lakh under North East Entrepreneurs Development Scheme (NEEDS) for its expansion.

6.2.1(i) Micro Finance

The “NEDFi Micro Finance Scheme” was launched by the Corporation to assist the grass-root small borrowers in un-served and under-served areas of the North Eastern Region. Through the Scheme, the Corporation provides wholesale micro credit to Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) of the region for on-lending to low-income individuals for carrying out various income generating activities in farm and non-farm sectors.

During the period under reference, the financial assistance extended under the scheme is Rs. 43.40 crore. As on 31.12.2024, the corporation has extended financial assistance of Rs. 1075.50 crore to NGO-MFIs/NBFCs from eight NE States, which touched the lives of more than nine lakh beneficiaries. More than 90% of the beneficiaries under the scheme are women which has enabled them to improve their economic status and move up above the poverty line.

6.2.2 Business Correspondents Model

NEDFi launched the "NEDFi Micro Lending Scheme" to provide financial assistance to the micro borrowers directly, through Business Correspondents (BC Model) for setting up/ expansion of their income generation activities, at cheaper interest rate in the unserved & underserved areas of the region. As on 31.12.2024, financial assistance of Rs.147.97 crore was extended to 12,757 borrowers under the Scheme.

A few snapshots of some of the success stories are given below:



Sumina Rai, from Pakyong, Ranipool, Sikkim availed a microcredit loan from UNACCO Financial Services Pvt. Ltd. (an assisted MFI of NEDFi) to expand her grocery store.



Jhunu Sarma, from Tikrikilla, West Garo Hills availed a micro credit loan from Grameen Development & Finance Pvt. Ltd. (an assisted MFI of NEDFi) to expand her tea and sweet shop.



Ms. Sangita Rana, from Namchi, Sikkim, availed a microcredit loan from UNACCO Financial Services Pvt. Ltd. (an assisted MFI of NEDFi) to expand her vegetable-selling business.



Margarita Thangkhiew, from Nongkesh Meghalaya, availed a microcredit loan from Grameen Development & Finance Pvt. Ltd. (an assisted MFI of NEDFi) to start a grocery shop with her husband, Martin MayllemUmlong.



Nungsangyula, from Officers Hill, Kohima, Nagaland, availed a microcredit loan from Grameen Development & Finance Pvt. Ltd. (an assisted MFI of NEDFi) to expand her grocery business into a grocery mart near New Life Church.



Veronica Saihmingliani Sailo, from Luangmual, Aizawl, Mizoram, availed a micro credit loan from Grameen Development & Finance Pvt. Ltd. (an assisted MFI of NEDFi) to expand her auto repair workshop.



Alemia Jamir, from Aoyimkum Village, Dimapur, Nagaland, availed a micro credit loan from Grameen Development & Finance Pvt. Ltd. (an assisted MFI of NEDFi) to start her grocery store.



Lanuchila Aier, from Aokong Colony, Dimapur, Nagaland, availed a micro credit loan from Grameen Development & Finance Pvt. Ltd. (an assisted MFI of NEDFi) to start her beauty parlour.

6.2.3 Advisory & Consultancy Services

NEDFi provides multi-disciplinary advisory & consultancy services to industrial, infrastructure and social development projects in the region. NEDFi has executed and is currently executing several prestigious consultancy assignments in various States of North East India in the fields of Evaluation & Third-Party Monitoring of Infrastructure

Projects, Impact Assessment Studies etc. A few snapshots of some of the projects undertaken are given below:



Third Party Inspection of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Schemes in Meghalaya



Launch of the portal and app on NE-RACE by Hon'ble Union Minister of Communications and Minister of DoNER, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia on 12th July 2024 at NEC office, Shillong



Exhibiting the products under APART Project to Shri Chanchal Kumar, IAS, Secretary, MDoNER



Career Counselling Session for the students of Class 12 at Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT-G under "Advancing North East" *Training Programme on Natural Dye and Banana Fibre under the project on Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP for New/Existing Entrepreneurs)*

6.2.4 North East Venture Fund (NEVF)

NEDFi in collaboration with the MDoNER has set up the North East Venture Fund (NEVF), a dedicated venture capital fund for the region, to encourage start-ups in the NER. The capital commitment to the fund is Rs.100 crore (MDoNER Rs.45.00 crore through NEDFi as an interest free loan, NEDFi Rs.30.00 crore & SIDBI Rs. 25.00 crore). The fund has generated a lot of enthusiasm among the start-ups from the region. So far, a total of 69 start-ups were given investment commitments totaling nearly Rs.100 crore.

A few snapshots of projects assisted are given below.



TGG Technology under the brand named “ChfMart” is an online solution that makes the entire ordering experience hassle-free for restaurants and hotels of all sizes, at Guwahati, Assam



Binbag Environmental Services Pvt. Ltd. (BESPL) is an e-waste management company having pan-India operations at Guwahati, Assam



Image 3D Conversion Private Limited is a Guwahati based company which has pioneered in digital dentistry applications in the country.

6.2.5 Promotional & Developmental activities undertaken by NEDFi:

- **Techno Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Study:** NEDFi conducts various techno economic feasibility studies for the NER. As on 31.12.2024, a total of 112 studies have been completed. Some of the recent studies include: “Study on State- Specific issues related to capacity building of Handloom Cooperatives in

NER”, “Study of Urban Renewal in Towns and City of Meghalaya and Measures for Transforming them as Engines of Sustainable Growth and Development”, “Market Study and Business Development plan for Floriculture sector in NER”, “Study on Organic farming and promotion of livelihood in the North Eastern Region” and “Comprehensive Study for Interventions to Improve Outcomes in Health, Education, and Skilling Sectors in the North Eastern Region

- **Nodal Agency for FTSU:**

NEDFi has been designated as the Central Nodal Agency for monitoring & implementation of various schemes/ programmes of the MDoNER in the eight NE States. The MDoNER has also engaged NEDFi as Field Level Technical Support Unit (FTSU) for co-ordinating and field level assessment of schemes, programmes and projects funded by the Ministry and NEC. Besides, NEDFi is the Central Nodal Agency for flow of funds under Prime Minister’s Development Initiatives for North East Region (PM-DevINE).

- **Business Meet:** NEDFi conducts Business Meets, in all the NE States, for the first-generation entrepreneurs to disseminate information on various schemes and programmes, with the objective to develop variety of skills and attributes such as the ability to think creatively, work in a team, manage various risks etc. So far, a total of 9,205 participants were benefitted.
- **Business Facilitation Centre:** Mentoring assistance is extended primarily to the first-generation entrepreneurs on managerial, technical, financial, commercial & marketing, preparation of project reports and credit linkages, through Business Facilitation Centers of the Corporation in all the NE States. So far, a total of 9,556 entrepreneurs were nurtured, out of which credit linkage was extended to 2,738 entrepreneurs.
- **Capacity Building Support to NGOs:** In Micro Finance, Capacity Building is a continuous exercise and to cope up with the changes & developments in the sector, the functionaries and staff of NGOs/MFIs need to continuously upgrade their knowledge and skill sets. NEDFi assists these NGOs/ MFIs by providing such capacity building programmes. So far, a total of 1,710 participants were benefitted.
- **Sustainable Livelihood Programmes:** NEDFi undertakes various initiatives to organize programmes on various trades for providing alternative sustainable livelihood to the artisans in water hyacinth craft, handloom & handicraft sectors

etc. The objective of conducting such programmes is to ensure that the participants are able to learn successful strategies and acquire appropriate tools for self/ wage employment. They will also be able to contribute towards poverty alleviation of their community. So far, a total of 12,302 artisans were benefitted through various programmes.



Training programme on Loin Loom held at Dimapur Nagaland in January 2024



Training programme on Banana Fiber Craft for artisans of Mizoram, Nagaland and Assam held at Craft Incubation Centre, Khetri in September, 2023



Training on Cane, Bamboo, Water Hyacinth, and Banana Fiber Craft for Bhutanese Artisans held at Craft Incubation Centre, Khetri where BCCI Vice President along with other officials participated in the Valedictory Programme





Training programme on Cane and Bamboo Craft at Sokhymphore Village, Meghalaya in the month of November/December 2023



Training programme on Handloom at Dima Hasao, Assam in the month of June/July 2023

- Marketing Support:** NEDFi is also facilitating marketing support to the artisans of the NER through exhibition participation and its various showrooms. So far, a total of 15,387 artisans were provided platforms in various exhibition/ outlets. A few snapshots of the marketing support initiatives undertaken by NEDFi is given below:



NEDFi participated Bharat in Tex Exhibition Held at New Delhi, in February, 2024



NEDFi participated in IHGF Spring held at NEDFi Pavillion, Greater Noida



Hon'ble Minister of DoNER, Sri G. Kishan Reddy and Hon'ble Minister of Earth Sciences and Food Processing, Govt of India Sri Kiran Rijju visited NEDFi Stall at North East Sammelan at Ambedkar Centre, New Delhi in February 2024.

6.2.6. The North East Bankers' Conclave 2024

The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), in collaboration with the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFi), organized "North East Bankers' Conclave 2024" on 21st December 2024 in Agartala, Tripura.



Fig: The North East Bankers' Conclave 2024

The event was graced by Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Hon'ble Union Minister of Communications and Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region; Chief Minister of Tripura, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Hon'ble Union Minister of State, MDoNER, Union Home Secretary, MDONER Secretary and other distinguished dignitaries.

Senior officials from Union Ministries, representatives from North Eastern states, top executives from banks, and industry experts participated in the event. Over 250 delegates attended the Conclave, which featured panel discussions and deliberations on actionable strategies to strengthen the banking ecosystem and unlock the economic potential of the region.

This conclave made in-depth deliberations on the current banking landscape in NER. Three thematic sessions namely; Financial Inclusion in NER, Credit Delivery & Priority Sector Lending (Agriculture, MSME) and Digital Eco-system witnessed enthusiastic participation of delegates from 37 financial institutions.

During the conclave, Hon'ble Home Minister highlighted the immense economic potential of the North-East, referring it as India's gateway to development and global trade. Further, Hon'ble Home Minister announced a roadmap to cater to the needs and future demands of financial resources in the NER:

- a. To increase the density of Bank branches in NER.
- b. To increase the number of ATMs in NER.
- c. To identify one branch and two branch district and establish banking services.
- d. To identify unbanked villages and linking to post and banking services.
- e. To relax the guidelines for finance infrastructure and introducing new parameter for finance sector in NER.
- f. To provide DBTs (Direct Bank Transfers) to every citizens covered under beneficiaries scheme.

6.2.7 FIELD LEVEL TECHNICAL SUPPORT UNIT (FTSU)

Ministry of DoNER in the year 2022 has initiated a system of Field Level Technical Support Units (FTSUs) in all NE States for maintaining and updating database of all the Government of India Schemes/Programmes and also field level assessment of Schemes, Programmes and Projects funded by this Ministry.

The roles and responsibilities of FTSU are:-

1. Aiding the State Governments in ensuring that project proposals are aligned with guidelines of the Schemes of MDoNER.
2. Support the State Government in preparation of good quality DPRs to help State Governments benefit from Central Government schemes and to fully utilize 10% GBS in a manner relevant to the local needs.
3. To have regular Meetings with the concerned State Planning & Coordination Departments to review Schemes & Projects of MDoNER.
4. Maintaining and updating the database of all the Schemes, Programmes and Projects funded by MDoNER.
5. Regular Co-ordination with the State Governments at various levels on the progress of Schemes, Programmes and Projects funded by MDoNER.
6. Regular interactions with Project Implementing Agencies to understand the progress, issues and bottlenecks and achievements on Schemes, Programmes and Projects funded by MDoNER.
7. Providing feedback to MDoNER on regular basis on the progress, issues and bottlenecks and achievements on Schemes, Programmes and Projects funded by MDoNER.
8. Submission of Progress Reports to MDoNER.
9. Co-ordination with MDoNER on the visits of Ministers/Senior Officials/VIPs etc.
10. Other activities incidental to coordination and assessment of these Schemes/Programmes/Projects/visits etc.
11. Co-ordinate with MDoNER and Central Government Ministries and also to provide monthly feedback to MDoNER on progress of important Central Government Projects.

Present Status of FTSUs:

- NEDFi as a nodal agency for engagement of FTSUs has put in place Monitoring teams in each state of NER comprises of three members. One State Monitoring Co-ordinator and two Project Associates, one for Physical Infrastructure sector and other for Livelihood Sectors in each State for Monitoring the Progress of the Schemes/Projects in their respective states.
- For the position of State Monitoring Co-ordinator, suitable retired official in the rank of Director/Joint Director in the respective States who has good knowledge of development works going on in their states are engaged.
- Reconciliation of project wise data as available on PM- Gati Shakti database of MDoNER with data maintained by State Government/Line Departments.
- Different projects funded by MDoNER and NEC are visited and inspection reports are prepared and sent to MDoNER and NEC.
- Visiting Implementing Agencies to collect UCs, CCs and other relevant documents of various projects funded by MDoNER and NEC.
- Field visit and submission of reports for projects under PM-DevINE, NESIDS (Roads), NESIDS (OTRI), Special Packages and Schemes of NEC in all the North-Eastern States.
- FTSUs have regular monthly Review Meeting with State Planning Department to update themselves on the projects. The Records of Discussion/Minutes of the Meeting are forwarded to MDoNER.
- FTSUs update the status of projects on “PM- Gati Shakti portal” and upload the Photographs in the portal on a monthly basis.

Initiative towards e- Governance

Chapter 7

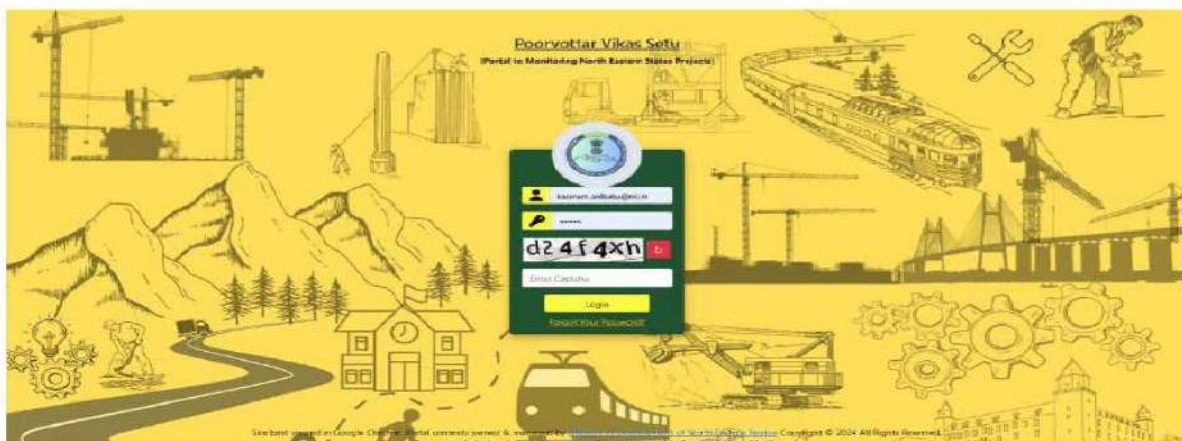
Initiative towards e- Governance

7.1 POORVOTTAR VIKAS SETU

There were two existing Portals <https://nlcpr.mdoner.gov.in/> and <https://nesids.mdoner.gov.in/> for managing projects related to all the Schemes of DoNER leading to hardships. An Integrated portal called **PoorvottarVikasSetu** has been designed & developed, and was launched by Hon'ble Minister, MDoNER. It is a Management Information System (MIS) designed to monitor and enhance the efficiency of development projects in the NE states of India

Pre Sanction Portal:

The main purpose of this portal is to automate the process of Projects from Proposal phase to Sanction phase. All the 8 NE states can submit their project proposals to the ministry using this portal (<https://nesetu.mdoner.gov.in/vikassetu/>). It is a work flow-based system. As per the direction of Hon'ble Minister, MDoNER a new features such as submission of DPR along with Concept Note, Change in scope and Foreclosure features have been added in this portal. Other than submission of proposals there are other features in this portal such as submission of Demand request, uploading utilization and completion certificate features are also available.



Post Sanction Portal:

This integrated system seamlessly combines data collection, processing, and analysis functionalities, providing insights into the physical and financial progress of

developmental initiatives. Key features include centralized project database contains comprehensive information on ongoing, completed and closed projects, from timelines to financial allocations. The MIS ensures that stakeholders can access up-to-date information on infrastructure development, utilizing geospatial visualization for enhanced spatial analysis. This portal(<https://ne.pmgatishakti.gov.in/DoNER/login>) incorporates user access control through role-based permissions, and robust reporting tools, offering customizable reports and dashboards. **Poorvottar Vikas Setu** plays a pivotal role in fostering transparency, accountability, and informed decision-making for the sustainable development of the NE region.

Mobile Application:

For field level monitoring of the projects and to assist FTSUs during the physical inspection of the projects, a Mobile Application has been developed for Post Sanction Monitoring activity. This app has the facility to update physical progress, images of project, tender details, project location etc.

7.2 POORVOTTAR SAMPARK SETU

Giving momentum to developmental activities in the NE region in line with working towards realizing Hon'ble PM's vision of 'Ashtalakshmi', Hon'ble MoS, MDoNER, launched the '**POORVOTTAR SAMPARK SETU**', a powerful portal to make Ministerial visits to NER, more effective, transparent and impactful. The portal provides valuable insights and graphical information about State wise/ District wise visits to NER. The portal generates a curated list of 24 Hon'ble Ministers who are scheduled to visit the North-East in the next upcoming month. After their visits, the Hon'ble Ministers can submit their tour reports along with their recommendations on the portal. After analyzing the recommendations, MDoNER can forward the recommendations to respective line Ministries/Depts/State Govts for quick action. These efforts will ensure that benefits of central schemes reach to the last person in NE India.

7.3 MDoNER Projects DASHBOARD

MDoNER Projects dashboard viz. <https://mdoner.gov.in/dashboard/> has been revamped and upgraded, wherein information on all the projects of the Ministry is available. Various types of reports such as Scheme wise, state wise, sector wise etc. can be generated from this website.

7.4 Upgradation of e-Office to version 7.3.9 & DSC Integration

In order to improve productivity, transparency in the decision making, e-office was upgraded to version 7.3.9 with additional and advanced features to improve efficiency in day-to-day office activities. Along with upgradation of e-Office for Authenticity of File Movement, Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) is also integrated in all the e-Office accounts of officer in the Ministry.

Vigilance, Official Language & Staff Welfare

Chapter 8

Vigilance, Official Language & Staff Welfare

8.1 Vigilance

Vigilance matters relating to the Ministry as well NEC Secretariat, two Public Sector Undertakings (NERAMAC and NEHHDC), and NEDFi are handled by Vigilance Division of the Ministry. Vigilance related activities are carried out within the framework provided by the Central Vigilance Commission and Department of Personnel & Training.

The Vigilance Division also functions as a link between the Ministry and the Central Vigilance Commission and other Authorities in matters pertaining to vigilance. The CVC and the DoP&T, in their effort to bring about a greater transparency in vigilance administration and speedy disposal of cases, have been suggesting several measures through their administrative instructions. Various instructions received from CVC and DoP&T from time to time have been circulated amongst all Chief Vigilance Officers/Vigilance Officers of the organizations under the administrative control of the Ministry for strict compliance.

8.1.1 Vigilance activities during 2024-25

The Vigilance Division monitors the disciplinary cases and related matters of the organizations under the Ministry through periodical returns prescribed by CVC and DoP&T etc. Prompt and appropriate action has been taken on the fresh complaints received in this Ministry during the year. Appropriate necessary action has also been taken for speedy disposal of pending cases. Advice of CVC was taken in cases wherever it was necessary. Vigilance clearance certificates were also issued in respect of the officers and officials of this Ministry keeping in view the guidelines.

8.1.2 Celebrations of Vigilance Awareness Week

Vigilance Awareness Week was observed from 28th October, 2024 to 03rd November, 2024 with the theme "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity" in this Ministry and in the Organizations under the Ministry. As per schedule, Vigilance Awareness Week began on 28.10.2024 at 11:00 A.M. with a pledge administered by Secretary, Ministry of DoNER which was taken by all officers and staff of the Ministry. During the Week,

adequate numbers of banners/standees were placed at different locations in the Ministry to create awareness about the year's theme amongst the staff and other visitors. Creatives on preventive vigilance were also posted on social media accounts of the Ministry. Quiz, slogan and essay competitions on the theme "Role of Technology in Preventing Corruption" and poster competition on the themes "Corruption Free India-a Collective Responsibilities" & "Culture of Integrity for nation's prosperity" were organized for the officers/officials of MDoNER to raise awareness about the theme of Vigilance Awareness Week. Prizes were also conferred on the top three winners in each category.

Details of the activities which took place during Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 are as follows:

(i) The Vigilance Awareness Week commenced with the Integrity Pledge being administered by Secretary, MDoNER on 28.10.2024 at 11.00 AM at MDoNER's Committee Room/Video Conference.

(ii) All officers/staff took e-pledge by visiting the website. Online "Integrity Pledge" was available at CVC's website (www.cvc.gov.in)

(iii) A poster competition (in Hindi and English) on the theme "Corruption Free India - a Collective Responsibilities" & "Culture of Integrity for nation's prosperity" was held in which many staff members participated actively.

(iv) An essay writing competition was held on the theme "Role of Technology in Preventing Corruption" which was participated by staff of the Ministry.

(v) A quiz competition was held on vigilance awareness wherein many officers and staff participated.

(vi) A workshop on the theme of Vigilance Awareness was also organized in the Ministry wherein many officers/staff participated.

8.2 Audit Paras

Four CAG paras (3.3.7 D, 4.16, 4.2.2.2 of Report No.21 of 2023 and 2.1 of Report No. 8 of 2024) were pending against MDoNER on APMS Portal which were

uploaded on 21.05.2024, 27.05.2024 and 12.08.2024 by O/o CGA. The replies of the same were uploaded by MDoNER on APMS Portal on 22.05.2024, 30.05.2024 and 07.10.2024 respectively. CAG examined and returned 3 paras with remarks on 21.06.2024, which after necessary modifications, were again uploaded by MDoNER on APMS Portal on 08.07.2024. The revised reply of the para No.2.1 of Report No.8 of 2024 was uploaded by MDoNER on 09.01.2025.

No Public Accounts Committee (PAC) para is pending in respect of Ministry.

8.3 Official Language Policy

Hindi Division of the Ministry has been entrusted with the nodal responsibility for implementation of the Official Language Policy of the Government of India, the Official Language Act and Rules made there under. There is an Official Language Implementation Committee under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary, which monitors the progressive use of Official Language in the Ministry as well as in the offices under its administrative control. As per the policy, quarterly meetings of the Committee were organized in the year 2024-25 and action was taken on the decisions/recommendations made by the Committee.

In order to monitor the implementation of Official Language Policy of the Union and for necessary assistance in translation work in the Ministry, there exist the posts of one Deputy Director (OL), one Assistant Director (OL), one Senior Translation Officer and one Junior Translation Officer in the Ministry.

During the period, all the documents falling under Section 3(3) of the Official Language Act were issued bilingually. All the letters received in Hindi were replied in Hindi. Besides, a Hindi Pakhwada was organized in the Ministry from 14th September to 28th September, 2024 and various Hindi competitions were organized. Quarterly Hindi Workshops are also organized in the Ministry to overcome the difficulties faced by the staff in the implementation of the Official Language policy. During the workshops, the visiting scholars guide the participants about Hindi noting, drafting, Hindi typing and other aspects of Hindi language.

8.4 Staff Welfare

8.4.1 Welfare of SCs/STs/OBCs/Minorities and Physically Handicapped persons

This Ministry is fully committed for maintaining highest standards of excellence and transparency in addressing the grievances of the people belonging to these categories and their overall socio- economic empowerment by making provision of SCSP/STSP in its budget. A liaison officer has been nominated for SCs/STs/OBCs in the MDoNER.

8.4.2 Welfare of Women

Government of India enacted Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 that seeks to protect women from Sexual harassment at their place of work. The Act envisages constitution of a Committee namely "Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)" headed by a woman officer at a senior level from amongst the employees. In accordance with the stipulated norms, MDoNER reconstituted the ICC vide office order dated 01.01.2025 to look into the complaints of sexual harassment at workplace.

8.4.3 Celebration of International Women's Day

In accordance with the guidelines issued by Ministry of Women and Child Development, International Woman's Day was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm in M/o DoNER, Vigyan Bhawan on 8th March 2024. To create awareness about International Woman's Day amongst the officers/staff, adequate display of material regarding women empowerment in the form of banners/posters/selfie points were placed at different locations in the Ministry.

A pledge wall was created in MDoNER with the slogans regarding women empowerment written on the same by the officers and staff of the Ministry. Various sessions/activities on the women empowerment related subjects were organized in which guest speakers were invited and officers and staff of MDoNER participated.

8.4.4. Welfare of Person with Disabilities

The building of the Ministry is owned and maintained by Central Public Works Department (CPWD). The building has provision for barrier free accessibility to

persons with disabilities. This includes provision of ramps, rails, lifts, adaptation of toilets for wheelchair users etc.

The schemes implemented by the Ministry of DoNER through NE State Governments are primarily relating to the infrastructure gap fillings in the infrastructure sectors namely, roads and bridges, power, water supply promoting tourism. Also, infrastructure gap-filling supports are provided to NE States in the primary and secondary sectors of health and education. These schemes benefit the entire population of NE States including Persons with disability.

The website of the Ministry has been made friendly for Person with disability (PwD).

Chapter 9
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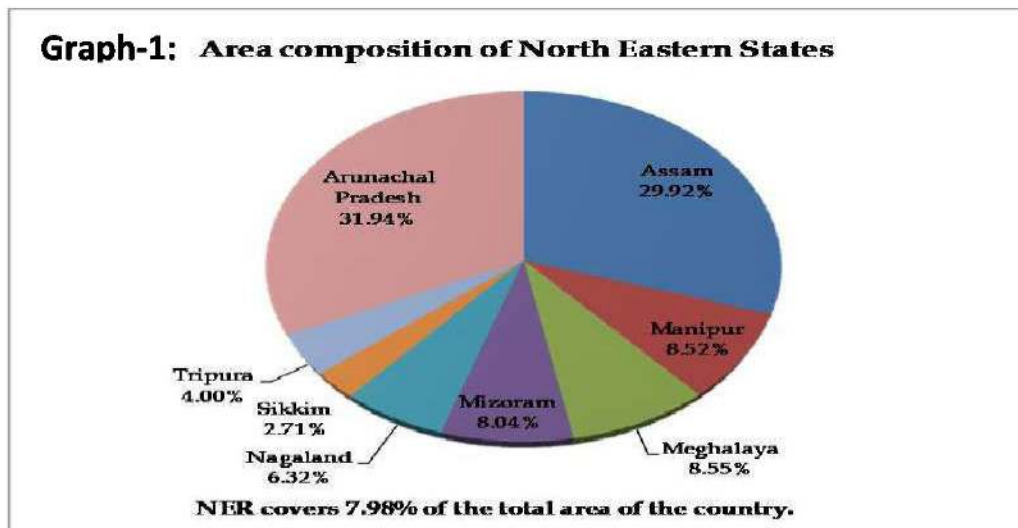
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Table 1: Geographical Area of NER
(NER constitutes 7.98% of Country's area 32,87,263 Sqkm)

States	Area (sqkm)	Area in percentage from all over India	Area in percentage from NER	Density	Percentage of National Highways
Arunachal Pradesh	83,743	2.55%	31.94%	17	1.9
Assam	78,438	2.39%	29.92%	398	2.9
Manipur	22,327	0.68%	8.52%	115	1.3
Meghalaya	22,429	0.68%	8.55%	132	0.9
Mizoram	21,081	0.64%	8.04%	52	1.1
Nagaland	16,579	0.50%	6.32%	119	1.2
Sikkim	7,096	0.22%	2.71%	86	0.3
Tripura	10,486	0.32%	4%	350	0.6
NER	262,179	7.98	-	175	10.3
All India	32,87,263	-	-	382	100.0

Source: Population Census, 2011



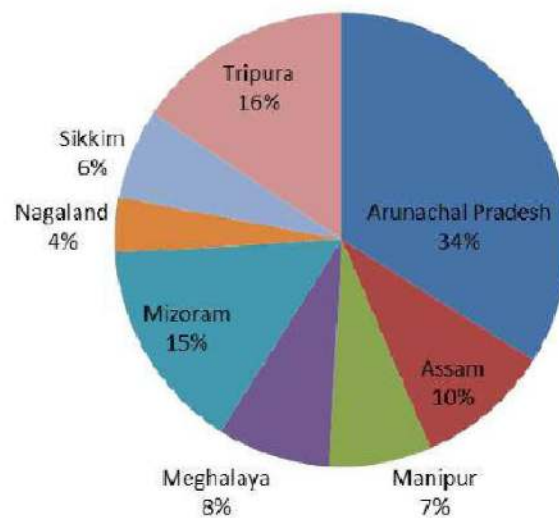
Source: Population Census, 2011

Table 2: State Wise length of International Border

State	Bangladesh	Bhutan	China	Myanmar	Nepal	Total
Arunachal Pradesh	0	216	1126	518	0	1860
Assam	263	267	0	0	0	530
Manipur	0	0	0	400	0	400
Meghalaya	443	0	0	0	0	443
Mizoram	318	0	0	512	0	830
Nagaland	0	0	0	213	0	213
Sikkim	0	33	220	0	99	352
Tripura	856	0	0	0	0	856
Total	1880	516	1346	1643	99	5484

Source: 1. Office of the Surveyor General of India, International Boundary Directorate, Defence Office, New Delhi, and
2. Ministry of Home Affairs Annual Report, 2022-23

Graph-2: State Wise length of International Border



Source: Office of the Surveyor General of India, International Boundary Directorate, Defense Office, New Delhi

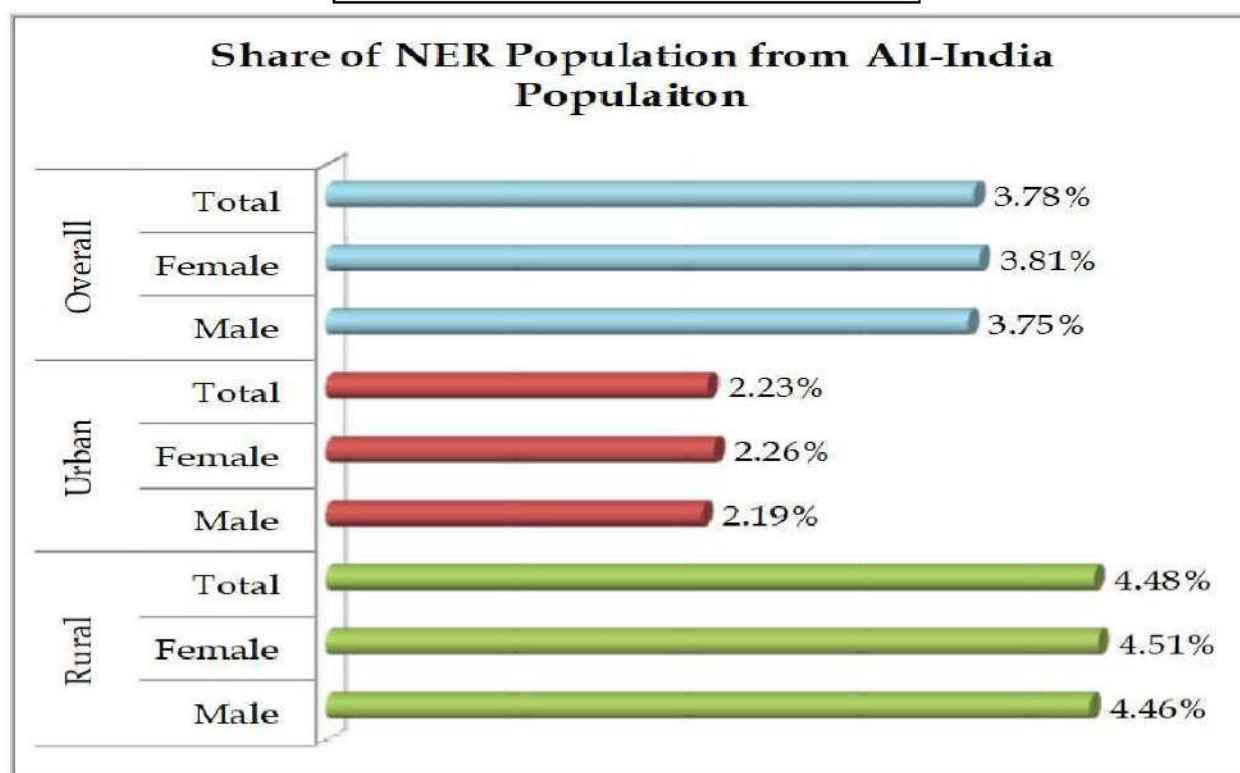
Table 3: Total Population of NER Gender-wise

NER constitutes 3.78% of country's population – (45 million as per Census 2011)

State	Male	Female	Total	Percentage Share
Arunachal Pradesh	7,13,912	6,69,815	13,83,727	0.11%
Assam	1,59,39,443	1,52,66,133	3,12,05,576	2.58%
Manipur	14,38,586	14,17,208	28,55,794	0.24%
Meghalaya	14,91,832	14,75,057	29,66,889	0.25%
Mizoram	5,55,339	5,41,867	10,97,206	0.09%
Nagaland	10,24,649	9,53,853	19,78,502	0.16%
Sikkim	3,23,070	2,87,507	6,10,577	0.05%
Tripura	18,74,376	17,99,541	36,73,917	0.30%
NER	2,33,61,207	2,24,10,981	4,57,72,188	3.78%
All India	62,32,70,258	58,75,84,719	1,21,08,54,977	100%

Source: Population Census, 2011.

Graph-3:



Source: Population Census, 2011

Table 4: Share of NER Population from All-India Population

States	Total			Rural			Urban		
	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Arunachal Pradesh	13,83,727	7,13,912	6,69,815	10,66,358	5,46,011	5,20,347	3,17,369	1,67,901	1,49,468
Assam	3,12,05,576	1,59,39,443	1,52,66,133	2,68,07,034	1,36,78,989	1,31,28,045	43,98,542	22,60,454	21,38,088
Manipur	28,55,794	14,38,586	14,17,208	20,21,640	10,26,884	9,94,756	8,34,154	4,11,702	4,22,452
Meghalaya	29,66,889	14,91,832	14,75,057	23,71,439	11,94,260	11,77,179	5,95,450	2,97,572	2,97,878
Mizoram	10,97,206	5,55,339	5,41,867	5,25,435	2,69,135	2,56,300	5,71,771	2,86,204	2,85,567
Nagaland	19,78,502	10,24,649	9,53,853	14,07,536	7,25,472	6,82,064	5,70,966	2,99,177	2,71,789
Sikkim	6,10,577	3,23,070	2,87,507	4,56,999	2,42,797	2,14,202	1,53,578	80,273	73,305
Tripura	36,73,917	18,74,376	17,99,541	27,12,464	13,87,173	13,25,291	9,61,453	4,87,203	4,74,250
NER	4,57,72,188	2,33,61,207	2,24,10,981	3,73,68,905	1,90,70,721	1,82,98,184	84,03,283	42,90,486	41,12,797
All India	1,21,08,54,97	62,32,70,258	58,75,84,719	83,37,48,852	42,77,81,058	40,59,67,794	37,71,06,125	19,54,89,200	18,16,16,925

Source: Population Census, 2011

Table 5: Decadal Growth Rate of Population in the NE States (1951-2011)
(As a Percentage)

State	1951-61	1961-71	1971-81	1981-91	1991-2001	2001-11
Arunachal Pradesh	NA	38.91	35.15	36.83	27.00	26.03
Assam	34.98	34.95	23.36	24.24	18.92	17.07
Manipur	35.04	37.53	32.46	29.29	24.86	24.50
Meghalaya	27.03	31.50	32.04	32.86	30.65	29.95
Mizoram	35.61	24.93	48.55	39.70	28.82	23.48
Nagaland	14.07	39.88	50.05	56.08	64.53	-0.58
Sikkim	17.76	29.38	50.77	28.47	33.06	12.89
Tripura	78.71	36.28	31.92	34.30	16.03	14.84
Growth Rate – NE Region	41.01	34.98	26.66	27.47	22.01	17.41
Growth Rate - India	21.51	24.80	24.66	23.87	21.54	17.70

Source: Reserve Bank of India, 'Handbook of Statistics on Indian States', 2021-22 – based on data from Censuses of India released by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home