

(b) NERAMAC has sponsored a Techno-Economic Feasibility Study to look at the feasibility for setting up collection and procurement Centres of agro-horticulture commodities viz. Pineapple, Orange, Ginger, Apple, Kiwi and Passion fruit in nine places viz. Diphu, Haflong, Krishnai (Assam), Bomdila, Roing (Arunachal Pradesh), Churachandpur (Manipur), Vairangte (Bhaga) in Mizoram, Nongpo and Phulbari (Meghalaya).

(c) Yes, Sir. NERAMAC has associated with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India for development of food processing in the region apart from involving itself in Central Sector schemes like Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). NERAMAC has also taken up assignment to coordinate and assist the Mission Directors in attracting investment, create awareness on food processing and to assist MoFPI in administering the National Mission on Food Processing in the North East. MoFPI has appointed NERAMAC as Project Management Agency (PMA) for which a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with MoFPI on 19.10.2012.

Expenditure on DoNER

474. DR. BHALCHANDRAMUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the expenditure on DoNER during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether this expenditure was as stipulated in the guidelines, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the outcome of the expenditure so made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) the actual expenditure of the Ministry of DoNER during the last three years, year-wise, is as under:-

(₹ in crores)			
Year	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
2011-12	1733.67	23.10	1756.77
2012-13	1643.08	23.49	1666.57
2013-14	1778.58	23.78	1802.36

(b) Yes, Sir. The above expenditure was as stipulated in the guidelines.

(c) Most of the projects for which funds have been released by the Ministry of DoNER and the North East Council (NEC) pertain to creation of physical infrastructure and support systems in the North Eastern Region (NER) in major developmental sectors, such as transport and communication, power, health, irrigation, flood control and water supply, agriculture and allied services, education, industries, science and technology and tourism and are at various stages of implementation.

As regards expenditure on non-infrastructure projects, under Capacity Building and Technical Assistance (CB&TA) scheme, about 7629 unemployed youths and mid level functionaries of State Governments have been trained. The unemployed youths have been trained in various sectors like Hospitality and Tourism, Tool Rooms, Fashion technology, Construction industries, Welding and Metal sheet cutting, Business Process Outsourcing (BPOs) etc.

Under the North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP), activities undertaken as on October, 2014 are as under:

Sl. No.	Major Activities	Activities undertaken till October 2014
1.	Village Awareness Programme	1321
2.	Entry Point Activities	976
3.	Formation of SHGs, of which	
	i. number of Co opted SHG	2544
	ii. Number of New SHG Formed	7698
4.	Seed Grant provided to SHGs	4002
5.	Livelihood Grant provided to SHGs	1203
6.	Number of SHG Federation Formed	61
7.	Number of CDGs Formed	1101
8.	Fund provided to CDPs	13
9.	Number of Youths registered for Trainings and Placement	4300
	i. Number of youths trained	1101
	ii. Number of youths provided placement	213

Under North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi), the activities undertaken are as follows:-

Promotional activities - entrepreneurship and skill development

1. Sustainable livelihood training: During last 3 years, 193 training programmes on sustainable livelihood have been provided to 5192 participants of which more than 80% are women beneficiaries.
2. Practical Livelihood training: During last 3 years, 48 training programmes on practical livelihoods have been provided to 1252 participants of which 50% are women beneficiaries.
3. **Entrepreneurship Development:**
 - **Business Facilitation Centres (BFC):**
 - Set up 8 BFCs in all NE States to guide new and first generation entrepreneurs (FGEs) in all areas related to project financing including preparation of DPR.
 - Provided mentoring assistance to 772 entrepreneurs and credit linkages to 196 entrepreneurs with assistance of around ₹ 992 lakh, mostly from NEDFi.
 - **Business Meets:**
 - 50 Business Meets/Awareness programmes were conducted. 2223 potential first generation entrepreneurs were provided guidance on various aspects of setting up business enterprises including for project financing.
 - **Capacity development programmes for NGOs/Microfinance Institutions (MFIs):**
 - 10 capacity building training programmes to MFIs/NGOs have been conducted where 244 participants from NGOs/ MFIs have participated.
 - **The Corporation has prepared 100 project profiles related to MSME sectors which has been widely distributed and has also uploaded in the website.**

Unemployment in NE States

475. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the rate of unemployment of all the North Eastern States for the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the reasons of unemployment in North-Eastern States;