

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;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Based on quinquennial Employment -Unemployment Surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) the rate of unemployment in the North Eastern States, State-wise, is available for the years 2009-10 (66th round) and 2011-12 (68th round). This is given below:

Unemployment rate per 1000 persons in the North Eastern States

Name of the State	(2009-10) 66th Rd.				(2011-12) 68th Rd.			
	Usual status (ps)*		Usual status (adjusted)**		Usual status (ps)*		Usual status (adjusted)**	
	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
Arunachal Pradesh	13	34	13	34	18	49	17	48
Assam	41	58	39	52	50	57	45	56
Manipur	43	51	38	48	39	76	26	71
Meghalaya	5	52	4	51	5	28	4	28
Mizoram	15	31	13	28	26	50	18	50
Nagaland	172	127	106	92	247	275	151	238
Sikkim	44	0	43	0	10	23	10	23
Tripura	112	172	92	171	123	254	105	252

* Usual principal status indicates the chronically unemployed.

** Indicates the unemployed excluding those employed in a subsidiary capacity.

(b) to (d) The Planning Commission constituted a working group on employment, planning and policy for the Twelfth Five Year plan which included North Eastern States also. The group emphasised an approach that sensitizes the various development programmes to their employment outcomes. The North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP)-2007 provides excise duty exemption, income tax exemption, capital investment subsidy, comprehensive insurance subsidy and other such benefits to industries set up in the North Eastern Region. Development of local industries and tourism will further create employment opportunities in this region.