

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2188
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2021

STEPS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN IN NORTH-EAST

2188. SMT. JHARNA DAS BAIDYA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken by Government regarding employment of women in North-East to make them self-reliant; and**
- (b) number of employment created, State-wise details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (b): The "NEDFi Micro Finance Scheme" was launched by North East Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) 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 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.

As on March 31, 2021, the cumulative sanctions & disbursements under the scheme were Rs.882.40 crore & Rs.872.16 crore respectively; which have benefited more than eight 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.

Two livelihood programmes have been implemented by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) which have since been completed:

I. North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) (2011-2019); and

II. North East North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP) (1999-2021)

These programmes were focused on upliftment of people, particularly women in the most backward areas of the North Eastern Region with focus on formation of self-help groups, village federations, provision of market access and skill development activities.

Details of the beneficiaries under these programmes are given below:

NERLP:

Under the programme 28,154 Self Help Groups have been formed in which there were 2,92,881 female SHG beneficiaries.

NERCORMP:

Phases	Beneficiary households	Total beneficiaries	Female beneficiaries
NERCORMP-I	39,161	234,966	111,141
NERCORMP-II	20,826	124,956	61,478
NERCORMP-III	58,799	352,794	172,870
Total	118,786	712,716	345,489

The NEDFi also extend loans under various schemes, which has generated total of 4.70 lakh employment in the region. The state-wise number of employment generated under various schemes financed by NEDFi is at Annexure.

Annex referred to in reply to part (a) to (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2188 for 16.12.2021

Number of employment generated under various schemes financed by NEDFi in North Eastern Region

State	No. of Employment (in Lakh)
Arunachal Pradesh	0.13
Assam	3.22
Manipur	0.73
Meghalaya	0.21
Mizoram	0.11
Nagaland	0.11
Sikkim	0.08
Tripura	0.11
Total	4.70