

## **Regarding utilization of funds under central scheme for school education-laid**

**SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI (NAGAON):** In NITI Aayog's SDG Index for 2023-24, Assam was amongst the 5 worst-performing states on Quality Education. According to the UDISE Plus 2021-22 report, the share of schools in Assam with functional electricity and toilets was 10 percentage points lower than the national average. The National Achievers Survey, 2021 showed that 79% of class 10 students in Assam performed at basic and below basic levels. Despite this, the Assam government has failed to implement key infrastructure projects. A meeting of the Project Approval Board of Samagra Shiksha scheme in January revealed that 80% of additional classrooms and 91% of major repair works under the scheme were pending in Assam. I thus urge upon the Government to take action to improve the state of school education in Assam. The Central and State Governments could work together to create action plans on how funds will be utilised under central schemes related to school education to ensure funds do not go unutilised. Efforts should also be made by all tiers of Government to make policy more adaptable- feedback mechanism should be established with respect to communities, particularly marginalised ones, to provide inputs and suggestions and understand local shortfalls in Assam's school education system.