

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR ASSAM  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a number of schemes for over all socio-economic development of Assam have been taken up; and  
(b) if so, details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES. (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Since inception of the Planned development process, schemes for development of infrastructure (road, rail, power, ports etc.), health, education & culture, employment generation, women & child development, backward area development etc. are being implemented along with other policy initiatives for overall Socio-economic development of the people of the country.

Considering the special needs of the North Eastern States, region specific programmes, policy initiatives and strategies have also been taken to ensure balanced growth. At present, the important infrastructure projects (road, rail, inland water transport, power, etc.) under implementation in the North Eastern Region (NER) are Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for NE (SARDP-NE), Railway Gauge Conversion and Line expansion programme, Bongaigaon power project, etc. Assam is the major beneficiary of these programmes. One of the major region-specific initiatives taken by the Government in the recent past in field of agriculture is "Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India", which include state of Assam.

Improved infrastructure facilities under the above programmes, along with other development programmes of the State and the Centre, would expedite growth and improve the overall socio-economic condition of Assam.