

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
LOK SABHA**

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QUESTION RURAL LIVELIHOOD PROJECT IN NER  
Das Shri Khagen

**Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the North East Rural Livelihood Project in the North Eastern Region (NER);
- (b) if so, the details of districts covered under the project, State-wise;
- (c) the aims and objectives of the said project; and
- (d) the extent to which the project has contributed in increasing the income of Self Help Groups (SHGs)?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) is being implemented in four North Eastern States of Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. Details of districts covered under this project, State-wise are as below;

- (i) Mizoram; Aizawl and Lunglei Districts.
- (ii) Nagaland; Peren and Tuensang Districts.
- (iii) Sikkim; South Sikkim, West Sikkim Districts and Panchayat wards of East Sikkim.
- (iv) Tripura; North and West Districts of Tripura.

(c) Objective of NERLP is to improve rural livelihoods especially that of women, unemployed youth and of most disadvantaged sections of society, by providing access to economic opportunities, improving adoption of sustainable agricultural and natural resource management through participatory and accountable community based institutions.

The aim of NERLP are:

- (i) Create sustainable community institutions for women Self-Help Groups (SHGs), youth groups of men and women and Community Development Groups.
- (ii) Build capacity of community institutions for self governance, bottom up planning, democratic functioning with transparency and accountability.
- (iii) Develop partnership of community institutions for natural resource management, micro-finance, market linkages and sectoral economic services.

(d) The Project became effective in March, 2012. Hence, it is still early to tell benefits from this project. However, project will emphasise on formation of sustainable and vibrant primary institutions on principle of thrift and credit in form of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the community.