

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

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing a North-East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) in some districts of North-Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the parameters adopted by the Government in identifying the districts for launching of the projects;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to extend the project to other districts of the NER; and
- (e) whether the Government has assessed the impact of the project in increasing the per capita income of the SHGs, if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (Shri Paban Singh Ghatowar)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) is being implemented in four North Eastern States of Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. NERLP is implemented in Aizawl and Lunglei Districts of Mizoram State, Peren and Tuensang Districts of Nagaland State, South Sikkim, West Sikkim Districts and 15 poorest Panchayat wards of East Sikkim of Sikkim and undivided North and West Districts of Tripura State (now 5 Districts). It will cover three lakh households in 1624 villages in the above mentioned districts.

(c) As the objective of NERLP is to improve livelihoods of the poor, especially that of women and the disadvantaged people in the project area, identification of Districts for the project was done by the State Governments based on social and economic backwardness.

(d) There is no plan to extend NERLP to other Districts except to the newly carved districts out of the existing 8 districts. However, North East Community Resource Management Project for Upland Areas - III, (NERCORMP-III) is sanctioned at the cost of Rs. 540 crore to cover undivided Tirap and Changlang Districts of Arunachal Pradesh and Churachandpur & Chandel Districts of Manipur.

(e) No, Sir. As the project has commenced its work recently, it is too early to assess the impact of the project in increasing the per capita income of the Self Help Groups.