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SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN NER
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being implemented by the Government for employment generation and skill development in North Eastern Region (NER);
- (b) whether any special steps have been taken keeping in view the shortage of industries and employment opportunities in the region;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of measures taken to channelise the employment generation and skill development in most backward areas of the region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) to (d): The schemes titled "Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure in NE States & Sikkim", "Skill Development Initiative" and "Vocational Training Improvement Project (VTIP) with World Bank Assistance" are being implemented for skill development in North Eastern Region (NER). The details of the schemes are at annex.

The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), implements Capacity Building & Technical Assistance (CB&TA) Plan Scheme for skilling the unemployed youth for employability within North Eastern Region (NER) and also to promote entrepreneurship amongst the NER youths. For the Government sector, it trains mid-level functionaries to enhance their knowledge and to build their competencies for good governance. DoNER has been engaging Government institutes like Tool Rooms under Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise, National Institute of Fashion Technology under Ministry of Textiles, Ashoka Institute of Hospitality and Tourism Management under Ministry of Tourism, Central Institute of Plastic Engineering Technology under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. The budgetary allocation for the scheme during the last 3 years including the current financial year has been Rs.20 crore per year. Programme supported under the Scheme are for the entire North East Region. A total of 8215 candidates trained under CB&TA by utilising an amount of Rs. 49.26 crore since year 2011-12 till 2013-14.

North Eastern Council (NEC) also implements skill development programmes for NER youths. An amount of Rs. 11.67 crore released for skill development since 2011-12.

North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) is being implemented in the States of Mizoram, Sikkim, Nagaland & Tripura. Skill development is one of the components which has started in 2013-14 under this project. A total of Rs. 1.33 crore has been utilized upto June, 2014.