

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

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

- (a) whether the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd., (NEDFi) is promoting Bamboo, Jatropa, Panchouli, Water Hyacinth, Medicinal plants in North-Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the Employment created as a result thereof in the region during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated and spent during the above period, State-wise?

**Answer**

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region Dr. JITENDRA SINGH

(a) NEDFi, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) carries out capacity building training programmes on Water Hyacinth Craft, covering the valley areas of the North Eastern Region of India in the States of Assam and Manipur. Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAP's) is another area covered under the CSR initiative of NEDFi in the States of Assam and Tripura.

(b) & (c) Training programmes conducted on Water Hyacinth Craft in the States of Manipur and Assam and those conducted on MAP's viz., lemon grass (citronella) in the States of Assam and Tripura are as under :-

Table : State - Wise Funds allocated and spent in the last three years for promotion of Water Hyacinth Craft and cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAP's ) viz., Lemon Grass (Citronella)

		Rs. in Lakhs					
State	Year	Subject	Funds allocated	Funds spent	No. of trainings	No. of trainees	
Assam	2011-12	Water Hyacinth Craft	45.00	43.73	41	1018	
		Cultivation of Lemon grass (Citronella)	2.00	1.50	2	65	
	2012-13	Water Hyacinth Craft	55.00	53.61	50	1248	
		Cultivation of Lemon grass (Citronella)	4.00	3.90	6	133	
	2013-14	Water Hyacinth Craft	49.00	48.20	48	1122	
		Cultivation of Lemon grass (Citronella)	5.00	3.60	5	111	
	TOTAL		160.00	154.54	152	3697	
Manipur	2011-12	Water Hyacinth Craft	5.00	4.51	4	105	
	2013-14	Water Hyacinth Craft	7.00	6.49	6	151	
		TOTAL	12.00	11.00	10	256	
Tripura	2011-12	Cultivation of Lemon grass (Citronella)	1.00	0.75	1	30	
	2012-13	Cultivation of Lemon grass (Citronella)	2.00	1.30	2	60	
	2013-14	Cultivation of Lemon grass (Citronella)	2.50	2.16	3	95	
		TOTAL	5.50	4.21	6	185	
	GRAND TOTAL		177.50	169.75	168	4138	

NEDFi has promoted Water Hyacinth Craft as a means of alternative sustainable livelihood. To date, 2,192 of artisans have been provided self-employment opportunity in the un-organised sector through these training programmes. To popularize the cultivation of Lemon grass (Citronella), NEDFi had conducted the above mentioned training programmes and distributed free seedlings to the beneficiaries. These trainees are farmers/cultivators who are self-employed and the training has helped around 350 farmers to start commercial cultivation.