

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

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ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS
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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) has prepared any scheme in order to help the farmers through micro credit;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when it is likely to be implemented; and
- (c) the amount of funds proposed to be allocated to the farmers by NEDFI during the current financial year?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The existing Microfinance Scheme of the North-Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFI) has no provision to provide micro credit to the farmers directly. However, to support micro and small borrowers including small farmers, NEDFI provides wholesale micro credit to Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) of the North Eastern Region for on lending to low income people under its Microfinance Scheme for carrying out various types of income generation activities in farm and non-farm sectors.