



Regional Cooperation and Project Facilitation in NER

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The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) constituted eight High-Level Task Forces (HLTFs) on 31st January, 2025 to formulate strategies and recommendations in key sectors, namely Agriculture and Horticulture, Sports Promotion, Tourism, Handlooms and Handicrafts, Economic Corridor Development, Self-Reliance in Animal-based Essential Proteins, Investment Promotion, and Infrastructure and Connectivity in the North Eastern Region.

So far, a total of 23 meetings of the HLTFs have been held.

These HLTFs function for the entire North Eastern Region (NER). Each Task Force is convened by Hon'ble Chief Minister/Governor of one of the North Eastern State, with 3 Hon'ble Chief Ministers of other North Eastern States and Hon'ble Minister (DoNER) as Members. Inter-state coordination takes place through structured consultations, wherein the Convener State gathers inputs from all participating States and facilitates collaborative decision-making.

The Poorvottar Vikas Setu portal, developed by the Ministry of DoNER, functions as a comprehensive *single-window digital system* for the submission and appraisal of projects in NER. Through this platform, State Governments and Central Agencies upload Concept Notes/ DPRs, enabling streamlined processing of project proposals. The portal facilitates prompt examination, Inter-Ministrial consultation, and quicker decision-making by eliminating manual processes and ensuring structured and transparent workflow.

The portal also serves as a mechanism for integrated monitoring and coordination as well as receipt and processing of demands for release of funds against sanctioned proposals. It allows Ministries, Departments, and State authorities to track the status of their proposals, respond to queries, and update implementation progress, thereby strengthening accountability. By bringing all stakeholders onto a unified digital interface, the system enhances convergence across schemes, reduces duplication, and supports timely and coordinated action for the accelerated development of the North Eastern Region.

Under the Vibrant Villages Programme, the Ministry of Home Affairs has indicated vibrant villages in the North Eastern States to be taken up for integrated development activities. The interventions focus on infrastructure creation, livelihood support, and improved service delivery.

Technology-enabled systems are being effectively utilised by the Ministry of DoNER to strengthen project planning and implementation in NER, particularly using PM Gati Shakti Portal. Concept Notes submitted by State Governments and Central Agencies are aligned through the portal against any duplication. The portal supports both pre-approval scrutiny and post-completion review, thereby enhancing convergence, transparency, and accurate monitoring.

This information was given by the Minister of State of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region Dr. Sukanta Majumdar in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha today.

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