



## NHAD and other projects

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As of now, the budget line of Viable Gap Funding for Air Services in the North Eastern Region has been transferred from Ministry of DoNER to Ministry of Civil Aviation.

In principle, approval for an amount of Rs.90 crore has been granted by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance to the proposed 'Hill Area Development Programme' (HADP).

The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has been assigned the function of coordinating the efforts of the Government for development of the North Eastern Region. The measures taken by the Ministry supplement the efforts of concerned Ministries and State Governments and, *inter alia*, includes coordinating with Central Ministries/Departments for ensuring enhanced and efficient utilization of their respective annual earmarked allocation for the Region, providing gap funding for infrastructure projects, skill development and capacity building and livelihood programmes. As the regional planning body for the region, North Eastern Council (NEC) has been taking up several infrastructure and social sector projects deemed to be of critical importance for socio-economic development of the region. Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) scheme, supported by 10% Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) of non-exempted Ministries/Departments, is also in place to ensure speedy development of social and economic infrastructure in the NER.

This was stated by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh in a written reply to question in the Lok Sabha today.

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