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MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
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DIGITAL PAYMENTS INFRASTRUCTURE

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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the extent of digital payments infrastructure usage in North Eastern Region (NER), State-wise;
- (b) the details of ATM penetration in NER, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to increase connectivity and reduce server downtime/ failed transactions in the NER?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a): Government of India is making all efforts for promotion of digital payments and enabling digital payment acceptance infrastructure across the country including North Eastern Region (NER). As a result of coordinated efforts of the Government with all stakeholders, a significant increase in number of digital payment transactions have been achieved from 2,071 crore in FY 2017-18 to 5,554 crore in FY 2020-21. A total of 6,380 crore digital payment transactions have been achieved till 02.02.2022 in FY 2021-22 (as per DigiDhan Dashboard: URL - <https://digipay.gov.in/>).

The State-wise details of number of digital payment transactions in North Eastern Region (NER) for payment modes Unified Payments Interface (BHIM-UPI), RuPay on point of sale (PoS) devices, Immediate Payment Service (IMPS), and *99# (Unstructured Supplementary Services Data(USSD) based digital payment mode), as per information provided by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), is given below:

SN	State	FY2019-20	FY2020-21	FY2021-22*
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	70,60,278	1,61,36,999	2,58,83,862
2.	Assam	10,51,06,727	20,28,00,298	27,32,36,974
3.	Manipur	1,03,79,267	2,48,56,871	3,43,17,704

4.	Meghalaya	68,82,421	1,62,43,826	2,19,80,763
5.	Mizoram	39,81,097	1,09,32,068	1,89,21,919
6.	Nagaland	70,49,580	1,69,72,407	2,21,12,436
7.	Sikkim	54,71,379	1,09,58,593	1,59,56,887
8.	Tripura	1,43,58,668	2,66,35,594	2,86,66,016

*FY 2021-22 data is upto December 2021

(b): The State-wise details of Automated Teller Machine (ATM) and micro-ATM penetration in North Eastern Region, as per information provided by Reserve Bank of India and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), is given below:

SN	State	No of ATMs as on Sep-2021	No of micro-ATMs as on Jan-2022
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	261	988
2.	Assam	4280	18128
3.	Manipur	389	7487
4.	Meghalaya	439	363
5.	Mizoram	176	487
6.	Nagaland	320	630
7.	Sikkim	203	571
8.	Tripura	622	16653

(c): As per information provided by Department of Telecommunication, the following schemes are being implemented through Universal Service Obligation Fund(USOF) to increase connectivity in North Eastern Region to facilitate digital payments :

- BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including NER.
- Scheme for provision of mobile services in uncovered villages in Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh (National Highways only) of NER and seamless coverage along National Highway.
- Scheme for provision of fourth generation (4G) mobile services in uncovered villages of Meghalaya and seamless coverage along National Highway.
- Scheme for provision of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages of Arunachal Pradesh and 2 Districts (KarbiAnglong& Dima Hasao) of Assam.

- Hiring of 10 Gbps International Bandwidth for Internet Connectivity to Agartala from Bangladesh Submarine Cable Company Limited (BSCCL), Bangladesh via Cox Bazar.
