

4. Secondary & Tertiary Sectors



North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.

- 4.1 NEDFi, a developmental finance institution, is mandated to catalyze industrial growth and nurture entrepreneurship in the North East Region by extending financial services with a focus on industrial projects, infrastructure, agri-horticulture plantations, allied agricultural activities as well as micro finance. The corporation has entered a high growth phase with a cumulative sanction of Rs.1628 crores, cumulative disbursements of Rs.1000 crores, indicative capital formation of Rs.6116 crores, and indicative employment generation of 59000 in the last 15 years.
- 4.2 During the first half of the current financial year upto 31.10.2010, financial assistance has been provided to 94 units under project finance, MSE and micro finance schemes as summarized below:-

(Rs. in cr)

Segment	No. of units	Amount sanctioned	Amount disbursed	Annual Target (2010-11)	
				Sanction	Disbursement
Project Finance	21	80.90	104.42	370.50	226.50
Micro and Small Enterprises	60	2.07	2.14	9.50	7.40
Micro Finance	13	18.36	15.18	20.00	16.10
Total	94	101.33	121.74	400.00	250.00

- 4.3 Apart from fund based lending activities, NEDFi has also started fee-based services like Consultancy & Advisory. Corporate Advisory services such as loan syndication, evaluation of joint ventures, debt restructuring etc. can assume importance in the North East, provided the level of industrialization goes up significantly. Central and State Governments are also looking at Third Party Monitoring for their infrastructure projects like roads & bridges.

4.4 Developmental Activities

- Project taken up to train 1000 artisans in water hyacinth craft with support from NEC.
- Capacity building programmes on Designer Candles conducted for more than 200 artisans. Credit facilities also provided.
- Administration of Central Subsidies under NEIIPP 2007

- 4.5 The Corporation is a nodal agency for disbursement of Central Subsidies under NEIP 1997 & NEIIPP 2007, which is administered by the DIPP, GOI. The Corporation is thus facilitating disbursement of Transport, Capital, Interest and Insurance Subsidies to the NE States. The details of disbursement under various schemes, during this financial year, are given below:-

Central Transport Subsidy	Central Capital Investment Subsidy	Central Interest Subsidy	Central Comprehensive Insurance Subsidy
332.44	24.98	2.73	0.84

- 4.6 The Corporation has done manpower planning exercise to refine its existing HR Policy and to strengthen its manpower at Branch Level in order to further facilitate access to finance in NE States. New recruitments are also being conducted in the process. Similarly, in order to increase our

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Hotel Cimorb, Kohima, Nagaland Assisted by NEDFi

geographical coverage the Corporation plans to open one/two more branches in every States during the FY 2010-11. Besides, necessary steps have been taken to strengthening Branches by empowering them to sanction & disburse loans at branch level, thereby reducing turn around time in decision making processes & procedures.

- 4.7 To felicitate its front-ranking clients and entrepreneurs across the region, NEDFi has instituted the "NEDFi Entrepreneurship Excellence Award 2010". The award was presented to 21 entrepreneurs of 8 NE States at a glittering function organized on the occasion.

North Eastern Handicrafts & Handlooms Development Corporation

- 4.8 The Corporation plays a key role in the development and promotion of the Handicrafts and Handlooms sector in the NER by providing training to the artisans and weavers through Design and Technical Development Workshops, Integrated Design and Technical Development Projects and Seminars. It also provides marketing support through procurement of Handicrafts and Handlooms directly from the artisans, weavers, Self Help Groups at clusters and selling the same through its Purbashree Emporium located in Bangalore, Kolkata, Delhi,

Chennai, Guwahati and Shillong and also through various exhibitions in the country and abroad. The Corporation achieved a gross turnover of Rs. 1480.00 lakh (Prov) till 31st January 2011. The main achievements are as under:

- The Corporation conducted 63 numbers of
- exhibitions/fairs in various cities and Towns of the country. Nineteen more such events are proposed to be held between January and March 2011. Two North East Trade Expos one each at Bangalore and Chennai are also proposed to be organized during February 2011 and March 2011.

- The Corporation organized North East Trade
- Expo at Chandigarh in June 2010, Simla in July 2010, Gurgaon in August 2010, Kolkata in August 2010 and Ludhiana in December 2010. It organized several Seminars with participation of artisans, weavers, designers, NGOs, SHGs etc on issues concerning Business Skill Development and advocacy and knowledge sharing amongst artisans, weavers and others associated agencies.

- The Corporation participated in the Pravasi
- Bhartia Diwas held at New Delhi from 7th- 9th January 2011. The Corporation had put up an exposition of innovative handicrafts and



Handloom Products on display at "North East Trade Expo" held at Ahmedabad

handlooms products from the North Eastern Region in this event.

- The Corporation organized five Gandhi Shilp Bazaars (Bamboo Bazaars) at Chennai, Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi and Kolkata during the period between April 2010 and January 2011. One more Gandhi Shilp Bazaar will be organized at Hyderabad in the month of March 2011.
- For development of infrastructure in the Handicrafts and Handlooms sector in the North Eastern Region the Corporation has set up a

Raw Material Bank for Cane and Cane accessories, a Handicraft Museum and Handicrafts Design Centre during the year 2009-10 with support from the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts). The Corporation has also set up a Handloom Production Unit to strengthen the Common Facility Centre and also to provide training facility to the weavers.

- The Corporation has tied up with the National Handlooms Development Corporation Ltd for supply of yarn at Mill Gate Price to the weavers of the North Eastern Region.



Handloom Products on display at "North East Trade Expo" held at Chandigarh



Training programme in plastic technology by CIPET

4.9 Initiatives of DONER and NEC

- The Scheme for Promotion of Industrialization in the North East (SPINE) was the umbrella scheme in operation during 10th Plan. However, the scheme was discontinued during 2006-07. The committed liabilities under the scheme are being disbursed. Now on satisfactory completion of the on-going schemes.
- The Ministry is in constant interaction with the MEA and other line Ministries for expanding border Trade and to leverage the strategic location of the Region. The NEC has commissioned a study on border trade. The study is almost completed and the report is likely to be submitted shortly.
- A Bamboo Technology Park (BTP) is being set up by NEC at State Forest Service College, Burnihat, Assam. This facility will be first of its kind in the entire South Asia with the state of the art machinery and equipments and related infrastructures. This Park will be capable of identifying and transferring appropriate manufacturing techniques, providing technical assistance, generating and disseminating technical information, rendering specific services such as, laboratory testing and quality assurance and, at the same time, imparting training.
- Bamboo Technology Park at Sairang, Mizoram - The project was funded by NEC to develop infrastructure facilities for setting up of a Bamboo Technology Park, as in the case of Bamboo

Technology Park (BTP), Burnihat highlighted above. Already Rs.1.50 crore was disbursed towards this project and initial steps have been taken by Govt. of Mizoram.

- NEC is promoting setting up of Pilot Plastic Parks in the North East for establishing forward and backward linkages in downstream products of the Gas Cracker Projects. A pre-feasibility report and concept note from Govt. of Assam has been received. The project is to be implemented in PPP model and the private partners for the SPV will be experienced in implementing/ operating such parks in the country. 440 acres of land is in the advance stage of acquisition. The total estimated cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 109.00 crores. The project proposal is under consideration. Another proposal from Nagaland is in the pipeline.
- Setting up of a Rubber Wood Factory in Tripura - The project is implemented by Tripura Forest Development & Plantation Corporation Ltd. Total investment is Rs. 6.50 crore. The NEC's share of financial assistance of Rs. 441.00 lakhs has been released towards the project. The project has been completed and has also started commercial production.
- Setting up of a Regional Boiler Testing Laboratory - The proposed testing centre will facilitate all the eight NE States as participant agencies, industrial units etc. will be able to test the required boiler in the NE without going to Kolkata or other places. The project is expected to be commissioned during the current financial year. The entire NEC's share of financial assistance of Rs. 233.80 lakhs has been released towards

the project.

- Flood Early Warning System by NESAC (North Eastern Space Application Centre) as a pilot project is being extended to Dhemaji, Barpeta, Baksa Districts of Assam. Nagaland Spatial Data Infrastructure has been supported.
- Supported the following projects:
 - (a) Research, Development, Documentation, Conservation of wild edible, Aromatic and Medicinal Plants of Arunachal Pradesh and adjoining State of the region.
 - (b) Utilisation of Plant and Waste Materials of NE India to a value added product: Environmental Friendly.
 - (c) Studies on Diversity Taxonomy and Population Status of Endemic & Rare Medicinal Plants for Promotion of Conservation in Arunachal Pradesh.
- NEC has Supported e-Governance of the Board of School Education and Online Connectivity with Selected Schools of Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland States. I.T. Education Infrastructure has been extended to 35 (Thirty Five) schools in Meghalaya, Manipur and Sikkim. I.T based Science and Technology Awareness Programme have been supported for 200 (Two Hundred) schools of Meghalaya and Nagaland.
- M/s Tata Consultancy Services, Mumbai have been engaged for the Preparation of a Master Plan for the tourism sector. The Plan is in the final stage of preparation and the report is expected to be submitted by the end of February, 2011.