

Reply to Parliament Question No S1313 for 06.12.2023 for Rajya Sabha regarding “Upliftment of Scheduled Tribes” in respect of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL):

Q no. (a): the welfare schemes being implemented by the Union Government for the upliftment of tribal communities in the country during the last eight years;

Reply: Ministry to reply.

[The welfare schemes being implemented by NRL for the upliftment of tribal communities in the country during the last eight years are in the following areas –

- Promotion of Health
- Promotion of Education
- Skill development and Livelihood generation
- Women empowerment
- Rural development

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Q no. (b): the details of the several schemes being run in the country for the last eight years, State-wise;

Reply: Ministry to reply.

[The details of the several schemes being run by NRL for the last eight years, State-wise is given as below:

S. No.	Scheme	State
1	Conducting regular health camps offering free treatment & medicines to the villagers within 10KM radius of Refinery under Project “Niramoy”.	Assam
2	Free eye screening camp and Cataract operation under Project “Drishti”.	Assam
3	Providing Ambulance vehicle to access health care in remote areas	Assam, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya
4	Providing medical equipment and health Infrastructure development	Assam, Nagaland
5	Providing Low-cost toilet blocks to BPL families under scheme ‘Parichannata’	Assam
6	Providing waste handling equipment to town committees and municipalities for solid waste management.	Assam, West Bengal, Sikkim
7	Facilitating higher education through implementation of its various scholarship scheme under “Gyandeep” and “Prerona” to the meritorious students	Assam, West Bengal
8	Train boys and girls of low income household as Geriatric Caregivers	Assam

S. No.	Scheme	State
9	Infrastructure development of schools like construction of class room, boundary wall, library, laboratory etc	Assam, Meghalaya
10	Operation and management of one Nursing school at Numaigarh affiliated to INC	Assam
11	Providing external skill upgradation training on various trades including vocational training among youth/Women/ School Students	Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Manipur, Tripura
12	Adoption of Industrial Training Institute, Golaghat to operate under PPP mode as 'ITI Golaghat- NRL Centre of Excellence	Assam
13	Providing financial assistance to Women entrepreneurs, Self Help Groups (SHGs), weaving units etc. for upliftment of tribal women.	Assam
14	Electrification projects for lighting the un-electrified villages through Grid power connectivity and Solar home lighting system	Assam
15	Development of village roads and bridges and Installation of Solar streetlights along approach road to villages	Assam
16	Initiative towards development of villages as model villages with emphasis on development of rural infrastructure, sanitation, Healthcare, Education and Livelihood	Assam

Q no. (c): the main objectives of the said schemes and the achievement made thereunder so far; and

Reply: Ministry to reply.

[The main objectives of the said schemes and the achievement made are given below:

1. Providing ICU Beds, patients Monitor and Central Monitoring Software with PC system at Holy Spirit Hospital, Haflong in ST district Dima Hasao Assam as an initiative to provide better health care facility for the people of the district.
2. 'Niramoy" is a flagship healthcare project undertaken by NRL. It aims to provide access to good healthcare facilities to the underprivileged and marginalized communities living in remote villages. The project has brought healthcare access to 56 villages, providing people with basic medical care without any financial burden. Out of which, some villages are dominated by tribal population.
3. Provided medical instruments, tools and other equipments and other logistic support for Orthopedics and ENT department of Diphu Medical College and Hospital, which is under ST district Karbi Anglong, Assam.
4. Providing external skill upgradation training on various trades including Training on Candle making among the youth / women of the state of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Sikkim for income generation. Majority of the population of all three states are belongs to tribal community.

5. Providing financial assistance for setting up a Histopathology Unit in Nagaland Hospital Authority, Kohima to introduce advanced medical facilities in the state. The major population of Nagaland are from Naga community.
6. Provided Ambulance vehicle and Mortuary van to access health care in remote areas of Assam, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya. These vehicles are playing a crucial role in providing emergency medical care to the people, particularly those residing in remote areas, where access to healthcare is limited and reduce the risk of mortality and morbidity. The beneficiaries of the State of Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya are majorly from tribal community.
7. Bamboo and Rubber Plantation through community in different tribal village of ST District Karbi Anglong of Assam for generating livelihood of the villagers.
8. Setting up of digital education centre in two schools of Karbi Anglong District, Assam under promotion of education.]

Q no. (c): the number of tribal communities which have been benefitted by the said schemes so far and the improvement made in the standards of living of the said communities?

Reply: Ministry to reply.

[NRL's welfare activities under various aforesaid schemes are formulated to cover the entire population surrounding the refinery, its operational areas, and other places of the country. The schemes are not specifically formulated to address any group or community. However, the above-mentioned schemes are benefiting tribal communities of Assam as well as other states of Northeast India.]

Note for Supplementary:

Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) is a Public Sector Enterprise with a 3.0 MMTPA petroleum refinery at Numaligarh in Golaghat district of Assam. Present shareholding pattern of NRL is Oil India Limited (OIL) – 69.63%, Govt. of Assam (GoA) – 26% and Engineers India Ltd (EIL) – 4.37%.

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