

# **15<sup>TH</sup> FINANCE COMMISSION**

**Act East Policy Affairs Department  
Govt. of Assam**



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# **Signature Projects/ Schemes:**

- **Think Tank on Act East Policy**
- **RCS-UDAN II Scheme – *Handholding for Direct Air Connectivity to ASEAN and BBN Countries***
- **Internal Road Upgradation – *Filling up Critical Gaps & Lacunae in Road Connectivity from State Capitals and Commercial Hubs to Border Towns of NE***
- **Consulates of ASEAN and BBN Countries in Guwahati**

# **Signature Projects/ Schemes:**

- **Front Desks of AEPA Department in (or under the aegis of) the Embassies/ HCs of India in ASEAN and BBN Countries**
- **Cultural Exchanges with ASEAN and BBN Countries**
- **Delegations and Business Tours to ASEAN and BBN Countries**
- **Conclaves/ Workshops on Act East Policy**
- **Act East Cities at Silchar, Digboi, Dhubri and Bongaigaon**

# **Main Issues:**

- **Setting up of an Office Complex for the new Act East Policy Affairs Department – *with all modern amenities and requisite infrastructure***
- **Creation of a Think Tank on Act East Policy – *with necessary facilities for collaboration with Foreign [especially BBN/ ASEAN] Think-Tanks and relevant local Institutes of Excellence***
- **Capacity Building of Officers and other Personnel**
- **Handholding of RCS-UDAN II Scheme for initiating Direct Flights from Guwahati to select Cities/ Capitals of to ASEAN and BBN Countries – *in the form of VGF Support***

# **Main Issues:**

- **Filling up Critical Gaps & Lacunae in Road Connectivity from State Capitals and Commercial Hubs to Border Towns of NE – *by Upgrading Arterial and Important Connecting Roads to 4 Lane Expressways; and construction of Viaducts and Bridges-over-chasms in Hilly Areas***
- **Opening of Consulates/ High Commissions of ASEAN and BBN Countries in Guwahati – *by construction of a diplomatic enclave in the outskirts of Guwahati (viz. Chandrapur/ Chaygaon/ Changsari). Consulates/ HC of Bhutan & Bangladesh already set up – may also shift to the proposed Diplomatic Enclave***

# **Main Issues:**

- **Setting up of Front Desks of AEPA Department in (or under the aegis of) the Embassies/ HCs of India in ASEAN and BBN Countries – *for facilitating Trade & Cultural Exchanges of these countries with Assam and other NE States***
- **Facilitating Cultural Exchanges with ASEAN and BBN Countries**
- **Sending Official Delegations to ASEAN and BBN Countries *on Knowledge Exchange and Business Tours***

# **Main Issues:**

- **Organizing Conclaves/ Workshops on Act East Policy on a regular basis – *involving* Academicia, Functionaries of Trade Bodies & Other Stakeholders**
- **Establishment of Act East Cities at Silchar, Digboi, Dhubri and Bongaigaon –**
  - **Decongesting Guwahati *by* serving as Counter-Magnet Areas under the Assam State Capital Region Development scheme of things; and**
  - **Facilitating Trade and Connectivity with ASEAN and BBN Bloc Countries *by* being Nodal Centres on important Cross Border Connectivity Routes**

# Requirement of Fund: -

<b>Name of the Signature Project/ Scheme</b>	<b>Requirement of Fund (in ` Crores)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1. Office Building and Complex of AEPA Department	10.00	One Time Fund
2. Think Tank – and associated Costs	125.00	25.00 Cr. annually for 5 years
3. Capacity Building, Training and IEC Activities	50.00	10.00 Cr. annually for 5 years
4. VGF Support for RCS-UDAN II Scheme	1500.00	300 Cr. annually for 5 years
5. Construction/ Reconstruction/ Upgradation of Internal Roads critical for International Connectivity	2000.00	400 Cr. annually for 5 years

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6. Construction of Diplomatic Enclave in Guwahati	1000.00	200.00 Cr. annually for 5 years
7. Front Desks of AEPA Department in/ under EoIs/ HCs in ASEAN and BBN Countries	50.00	10.00 Cr. annually for 5 years
8. Cultural Exchanges	150.00	30.00 Cr. annually for 5 years
9. Official Delegations	100.00	20.00 Cr. annually for 5 years
10. Workshops/ Conclaves	100.00	20.00 Cr. annually for 5 years
11. Construction of 4 Act East Cities	3000.00	600.00 Cr. annually for 5 years
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8085.00</b>	

**Thank You**