

5 (YEAR) PERSPECTIVE PLAN OF
ACT EAST POLICY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF ASSAM

A. Projects/ Initiatives Solicited from Central Government:

- 1) **Air Connectivity:** Establishment of direct flights between Guwahati and at least 10 major cities of ASEAN and BBN bloc countries [*viz.* Dhaka and Sylhet (Bangladesh); Paro (Bhutan); Kathmandu (Nepal); Yangon and Mandalay (Myanmar/ Burma); Bangkok, Chiangmai and Phuket (Thailand); Phnom Penh and Siem Reap (Cambodia); Vientiane (Laos); Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), Manila (Philippines); Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia); Jakarta (Indonesia); Singapore; and Brunei] under the UDAN (International) Scheme.

Ministry: M/o Civil Aviation,
M/o External Affairs

- 2) **Air Connectivity:** Development of Guwahati LGBI Airport at Borjhar as a major regional aerial hub with new state-of-the-art terminals to handle more than 200 flights a day.

Ministry/ Agency: M/o Civil Aviation, AAI

- 3) **Road Connectivity:** Early completion of international projects like Asian Trilateral Highway and Kaladan Project (Road Segment from Paletwa to Zorinpui on Mizoram-Myanmar Border).

Ministry: M/o External Affairs

- 4) **Road Connectivity:** Construction of 4-laned express highways along major connecting internal roads - *viz.*

(1) Barapani – Dawki Segment of Guwahati – Shillong – Dawki National Highway [NH No. 6, 106 & 206: i.e. 40 (Old)] (Guwahati – Barapani Segment already having been 4 – laned);

(2) Numaligarh – Golaghat – Dimapur – Imphal National Highway [NH No. 2, 29 & 129: i.e. 39 (Old)] (Starting from Numaligarh Point of Guwahati – Dibrugarh – Tinsukia 4-laned Highway, and including viaducts and tunnels in the hilly portions);

(3) Sutarkandi – Karimganj – Silchar – Lakhimpur – Jiribam – Imphal National Highway [NH No. 37: i.e. 44, 53 & 151 (Old)] (Imphal – Moreh Road already being 4 – laned);

(4) Guwahati – Pancharatna – Jogighopa – Rakhaldubi National Highway [NH No. 17 & 117: i.e. 37, 31 & 31 A (Old)] along with North-Salmara – Gauripur – Buxirhat National Highway [NH No. 17: i.e. 31 (Old)] and Paikan – Tura – Dalu National Highway [NH No. 217: i.e. 51 (Old)] emanating therefrom;

(5) Tinsukia – Makum – Digboi – Margherita – Ledo – Lekhapani – Jagun – Jairampur – Pangsau Pass National Highway [NH No. 15 & 315: i.e. 37 & 38 (Old)] (Starting from Tinsukia on the Guwahati – Dibrugarh – Tinsukia 4-laned Highway, and ending at the Starting Point of Burmese Segment of Stillwell Road – which extends to Myitkyina, Bhamo & Mandalay in Myanmar); and

(6) Rangia – Tamulpur – Darrangamela – Sandrup Jhonkar National Highway [NH No. 127D (Starting from Rangia on NH 27/ 31 (Old))].

Ministry/ Agency: M/o Road Transport & Highways, NHAI

- 5) **Road Connectivity:** Construction of Pangsau Pass – Myitkyina Segment of the Northern Burmese Portion of Stillwell Road [Segment from Myitkyina *via* Bhamo to Mandalay in Myanmar being covered by NH 31 of Myanmar, and Segment from Mandalay to Muse-Ruili Sino-Burmese Border being covered by NH 3 of Myanmar].

Ministry: M/o External Affairs

- 6) **Rail Connectivity:** Early completion of Agartala – Akhaura (Bangladesh) railway line; restoration of missing segment of Badarpur – Shaistaganj (Bangladesh) railway line at Mahishasan; planning and construction of railway line from Imphal *via* Moreh and Tamu (Myanmar) to Kalay (Myanmar), and planning and construction of railway line from Ledo to Magaung (Myanmar).

Ministry: M/o Railways,
M/o External Affairs

- 7) **Rail Connectivity:** Completion of construction of proposed railway lines (1) from Silchar *via* Lakhipur and Jiribam to Imphal (Manipur); (2) from Badarpur to Sairang (Mizoram); and (3) from Resubelpara *via* Tura to Dalu.

Ministry: M/o Railways,

- 8) **Inland Waterways Connectivity:** Facilitation of construction of internal highways of international standard to ensure seamless road connectivity with Bangladesh and Myanmar and through these countries to the Rest of India and ASEAN bloc countries respectively – in association with Public Works (Roads) and Public Works (Buildings & National Highways) Departments of the State Government and agencies like NHA and NHIDCL under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

Ministry: M/o Civil Aviation

- 9) **Inland Waterways Connectivity:** Facilitation of development of inland waterways and ports on the major rivers of Assam (*viz.* Brahmaputra & Barak), in order to develop riverine navigation with Bangladesh and through it to the Rest of India and the Rest of the World – in association with the Inland Water Transport Directorate and the Transport Department of the State Government, and the Inland Waterways Authority of India under the Union Ministry of Shipping.
- 10) Promotion of collaboration with ASEAN and BBN bloc countries in the field of Information & Communication Technology (ICT), and facilitation of setting up of internet connectivity of Assam from Cox Bazar Landing Station (CLS) of International Sub-marine Fibre-optic Cable Network – in association with the Information Technology Department of the State Government, and the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- 11) Facilitation of development of trade relations of Assam and North East India with ASEAN and BBN bloc countries – including exchange of trade delegations - in association with Industries & Commerce Department of the State Government, and the Ministries of Commerce & Industry and External Affairs of the Central Government.
- 12) Promotion of academic and technical collaboration, student and youth exchange programmes, health care collaboration and medical tourism with ASEAN and BBN

bloc countries – in association with the Education, Science & Technology, Sports & Youth Welfare and Health & Family Welfare Departments respectively of the State Government.

- 13) Promotion of mutual tourism with ASEAN and BBN bloc countries – in association with the Tourism Department of the State Government and associated agencies like Directorate of Tourism and Assam Tourism Development Corporation.
- 14) Facilitation of cultural exchanges with ASEAN and BBN bloc countries – in association with Cultural Affairs Department of the State Government and agencies like Indian Council for Cultural Exchange (ICCR) under the Ministry of External Affairs.
- 15) Facilitation of establishment of Act East Cities at Silchar, Digboi, Numaligarh, Tezpur-Silghat, Dhubri and Bongaigaon; and a twin-city of Guwahati at Chandrapur/ Sonapur – for 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 – in association with the Urban Development Department of the State Government.
- 16) Facilitation of the opening of Consulates/ Assistant High Commissions of ASEAN and BBN bloc countries in Guwahati – in association with the Union Ministry of External Affairs.
- 17) Setting up of Front Desks of AEPA Department in (or under the aegis of) the Embassies/ High Commissions of India in ASEAN and BBN bloc countries – for facilitating Trade & Cultural Exchanges of these countries with Assam and other NE States.