

ECONOMY

■ Cabinet Approves Rs. 12,882 Cr Budget for NER Development Scheme Extension

The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of schemes from the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) for the remainder of the 15th Finance Commission's term, which runs from 2022-23 to 2025-26. The budget for these schemes is Rs. 12,882 Crore. Of this, Rs. 8,139 Crore has been allocated to the North East Special Infrastructure Scheme, while Rs. 3,202 Crore has been allocated to the "Schemes of North Eastern Council" and Rs. 1,540 Crore has been allocated to the Special Packages for the Bodoland Territorial Council, Dima Hasao Autonomous Territorial Council, and Karbi Anglong Autonomous Territorial Council. The purpose of these schemes is to support the development and welfare efforts of the eight states of the North Eastern region by funding infrastructure and social sector projects and increasing livelihood and employment opportunities.