

Helicopter Services in North East

In order to provide connectivity to remote areas of NER, Helicopter subsidy scheme is being administered by MHA in the NE States of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Mizoram and Manipur. It further aims to provide affordable passenger transport in NER, evacuation during natural calamities and for urgent medical evacuation etc. MHA bears 75% of total cost of operation after deducting passenger recovery or flat 20% of actual operation cost, whichever is more. For the purpose of restricting subsidy, annual ceiling of flying hours has been fixed for the helicopter service operating in these States as tabulated below:

NE State	Type of Helicopter	No. of flying hours sanctioned per annum
Tripura	Dauphin	480
Arunachal Pradesh	1 st MI-172	960
	2 nd MI-172	1200
	Bell 412	1300
Sikkim	Bell-407	1200
Meghalaya	Dauphin	1000
Nagaland	1 st Bell 412	1200
	2 nd Bell 412	
Mizoram	Dauphin	1200
Manipur	Bell 412	750

Year-wise details of expenditure/fund released for Helicopter Services in NE States during last six years and current financial year (up to 31.01.2022) is as under :-

(In crore)

Years	Expenditure/ Fund released
2015-16	76.45
2016-17	86.00
2017-18	86.00
2018-19	90.00
2019-20	100.00
2020-21	72.50
2021-22 (upto 31.01.2022)	77.03