

## Helicopter Services in North East

In order to provide connectivity to remote areas as also for providing air connectivity to these areas with rest of India, helicopter services are in operation in the NE States of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Mizoram and Manipur under non-plan scheme with subsidy from Ministry of Home Affairs. The subsidy portion is limited to 75% of operational cost after adjusting recovery from passengers. 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.

North East State (Operational since)	Type of Helicopter	No. of flying hours sanctioned per annum
Tripura (2002)	Dauphin Double Engine	480
Arunachal Pradesh (1995)	1st MI-172	960
	2nd MI-172	1200
	Bell 412 Engine	1300
Sikkim (1998)	Bell-407 [Single/Double Engine]	1200
Meghalaya (1999)	Dauphin [Double Engine]	720
Nagaland (2007)	Dauphin [Double Engine] 2 Helicopter	1200
Mizoram (2012)	Dauphin [Double Engine] 2 Helicopter	1200
Manipur (2018)	Dauphin [Double Engine]	744

In the year 2018, Helicopter services have been introduced in the State of Manipur. One each additional Double Engine Helicopter has also been sanctioned to Nagaland and Mizoram in 2018 with overall ceiling of 1200 flying hours each for two Helicopters per annum to both the States.

### State-wise details of expenditure/fund released for Helicopter Service to NE States in last six years and current FY -

(In crore)

States	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (31.12.19)
Tripura	4.38	0	13.47	9.82	8.12	7.00	4.26
Arunachal Pradesh	20.74	20.52	34.40	26.14	23.19	50.16	42.52
Sikkim	0.69	4.69	0	4.88	6.11	2.73	2.72
Meghalaya	0	15.99	14.03	5.22	17.74	8.15	4.09
Nagaland	0	0	0	23.05	11.23	5.90	6.70
Mizoram	6.50	6.72	6.36	6.68	11.30	8.19	3.86
Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	1.39	1.23
MHA	5.77	5.49	8.19	10.21	8.31	6.49	5.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.08</b>	<b>53.41</b>	<b>76.45</b>	<b>86.00</b>	<b>86.00</b>	<b>90.00</b>	<b>71.37</b>