

Ques) North eastern Region offer tremendous potential in terms of growth and development of the service sector. Examine.

Ans) The untapped potential of North eastern Region has a lot to offer for the growth and development of the Indian economy as a whole and regional development of the area in particular.

Due to geographical isolation, lack of proper communication and transport the area remains cut off from mainland the lags in development & resource utilisation.

Focussing on the comparative advantages and neighbour hood countries cooperation we can make most from North east resources.

The service sectors of potential are -

- 1) Producer services - Production of regional products & linking them with 'One District One Product', GI Tag etc.
- 2) ICT - Tapping the submarine & network cables of Bangladesh & fibre optics, satellite internet all can be integrated for smearer best network services.

3) Logistics - The railway and airway connectivity along with strategic collaboration with neighbouring countries can be enhanced.

4) Tea & Bamboo - with 81% of country's tea coming from Assam and West Bengal, North East has a high quality potential for both tea and bamboo. Tea can be auctioned on digital markets along with produce of Nepal and Bangladesh for fair & transparent transaction.

5) Tourism - The regional markets, border hatts, picnic spots National parks etc can attract tourists and serve for mutual benefit with neighbours.

6) Education - North Bengal's research & educational institutions can serve for indigenous as well as foreign students.

The ~~pro~~ proximity with neighbouring countries and vast resources of North East can complementarily be ~~exploited~~ utilised to enhance connectivity, development and ~~also~~ service sector growth for Nation's interest.