

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Cabinet briefing

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Cabinet Decisions

#	Decisions	Amount (Rs. Cr)
1	Construction and Infrastructure Equipment (CIE) Manufacturing Ecosystem scheme	11,000
2	Second Container Terminal at Kamarajar Port, Tamil Nadu	4,288
3	Greenfield Airport at Doloo, Silchar, Assam	2,014
4	Postal Operations Scheme (Department of Posts)	1,141
5	Estates Management Scheme (Department of Posts)	1,491
Total		19,934

Construction and Infrastructure Equipment Manufacturing Ecosystem







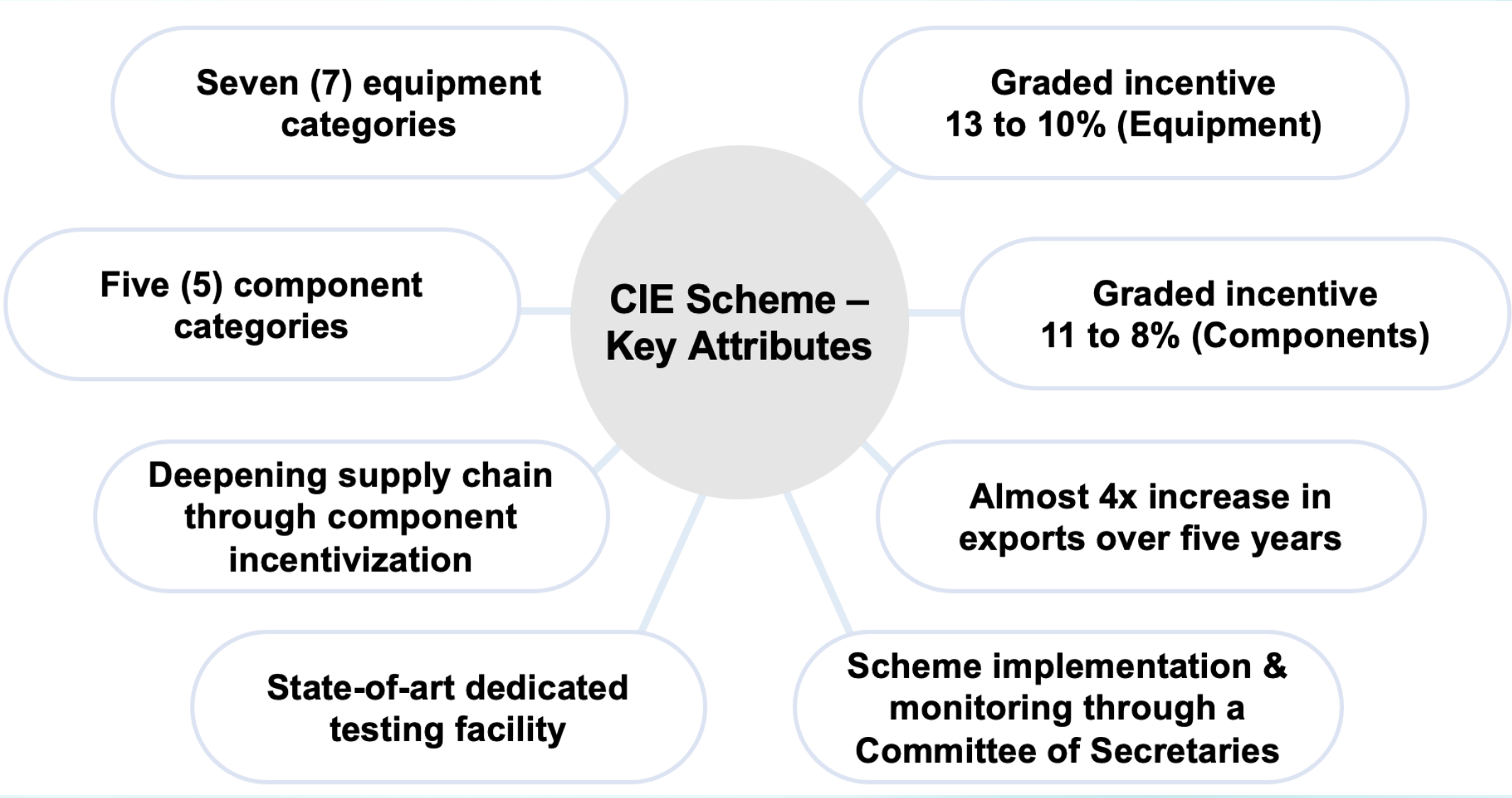
From Importer to Global Player

- The Cabinet has approved **Scheme for Enhancement of Construction and Infrastructure Equipment (CIE) Manufacturing Ecosystem.**
- India's CIE industry is the world's third largest, with a **market size of Rs 97,500 Cr** in FY 2024-25, yet about **45% of it depends on imports**.
- The scheme aims to **build indigenous capability in advanced CIE** and position **India as a key player in the global market.**
- The **scheme duration is eight years** (FY 26-27 to FY 33-34).
- The scheme covers **7 categories of equipment that are fully or largely imported**, including tunnel boring machines, off-highway trucks, excavators, cranes, loaders, piling rigs and drilling machines.
- It also covers **5 categories of components**: **engines, transmissions, hydraulic systems, undercarriages and drive systems.**

Investing in Self-Reliance

- The scheme has a total outlay of **Rs 11,000 Cr**
- First: **sales-linked incentive for OEMs and component manufacturers** that rewards them for increasing domestic production.
- Second: **grant of Rs 375 crore to Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI)** as viability gap funding **to set up a dedicated testing facility**, so that **equipment made in India can be tested and certified here.**
- Together, these measures are expected to **attract about Rs 21,000 Cr in investment** and **import substitution of about Rs 22,500 Cr** over the scheme period.

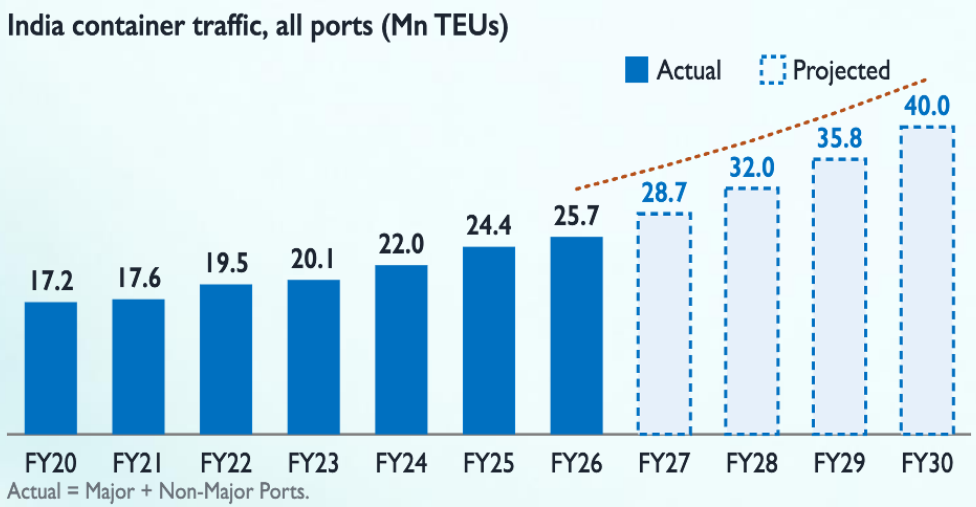
Key attributes of the CIE Scheme



Development of the Second Container Terminal at Kamarajar Port Limited



Background



- India's ports handled **25.7 million TEUs** (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) in FY **2025–26**, up from 17.2 million in FY 2019–20.
- **All-port container traffic has grown at 6.9% CAGR** from FY 2019–20 to FY 2025–26. Kamarajar Port Limited (KPL) container traffic is growing at 9–11% a year.
- Traffic is projected to reach about **40 million TEUs** by 2030 under the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 base case.
- The **share of cargo moved in containers will rise from 35% today to over 60%.**
- EXIM (Export-Import) trade will grow toward the **US$1 trillion export target**
- **Indian ports will handle more of India's transshipment cargo**, **rising from 32% today to 75% by 2030** and 95% by 2047.

Project Map


BHEL SITE OFFICE Ennore SEZ
Thermal Power Project
JSW Ennore Coal Terminal Pvt
Kamarajar Port Limited
Puzhuthivakkam
MLT-2 LIQUID CARGO HANDLING AREA
MLT-1 LIQUID CARGO HANDLING AREA
LNG REGASIFICATION PLANT
ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING YARD
CAR PARKING YARD
MCT-2
GCB-3
GCB-2
TRANSIT PARKING AREA
GCB -1
LNG BERTH
CONTAINER PRESTACKING YARD
RAILWAY SIDINGS
CONTAINER TERMINAL - 1 STAGE - II
CONTAINER TERMINAL-1 STAGE - I
MULTI CARGO TERMINAL-1
BULK TERMINAL-2
BULK TERMINAL-1
SIOTL
COAL BERTH -4
ECTPL COAL BERTH
COAL BERTH -3
COAL BERTH -1
COAL BERTH -2
ADMIN BUILDING
GATE
TC-2
TC- 1
MLT-1
MLT-2
IOCL JETTY
NORTH BREAK WATER
SOUTHERN BREAK WATER
ENTRANCE
Operational Berth
Under Construction Berth
Future Berth

Deeper Berths, Bigger Ambitions

- The **Cabinet has approved** the implementation of the project "**Development of the Second Container Terminal at Kamarajar Port Limited (KPL).”**
- The **project is a container terminal to be developed on a DBFOT** (Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer) basis under the PPP mode with **estimated cost of Rs 4,288 Cr.**
- The **concession period is 40 years.**
- The terminal will be built on a **111-acre site** and will have **a total design capacity of 2.0 million TEUs per annum.**
- It will be **900 m long, with a 30 m wide berth, 18 m draft and a depth of 20 m** along the berth.
- It will be able to **handle vessels of up to 24,346 TEUs** and up to 400 m in length.

Benefits

- It will help **KPL handle more transshipment cargo and meet KPL's growing container traffic**, which rose from **9.27 MMT in FY 2021–22 to 13.52 MMT in FY 2025–26**.
- It will add the capacity KPL needs**, since traffic is set to reach 2.45 million TEUs by 2034,** against a capacity of 1.4 million TEUs.
- **It will serve Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh**, drawing cargo from **industrial clusters such as Chennai–Sriperumbudur–Oragadam**, Hosur, Bengaluru, Sri City and Tirupati.
- It will **support EXIM trade and allow next-generation vessels of up to 24,000 TEUs** and 400 m in length to call at the port.
- It will **strengthen KPL's role as an East Coast gateway** and **make supply chains more resilient**.
- It will **support the goals of Maritime India Vision 2030** and **Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047**.

Development of Greenfield Airport at Silchar (Assam)

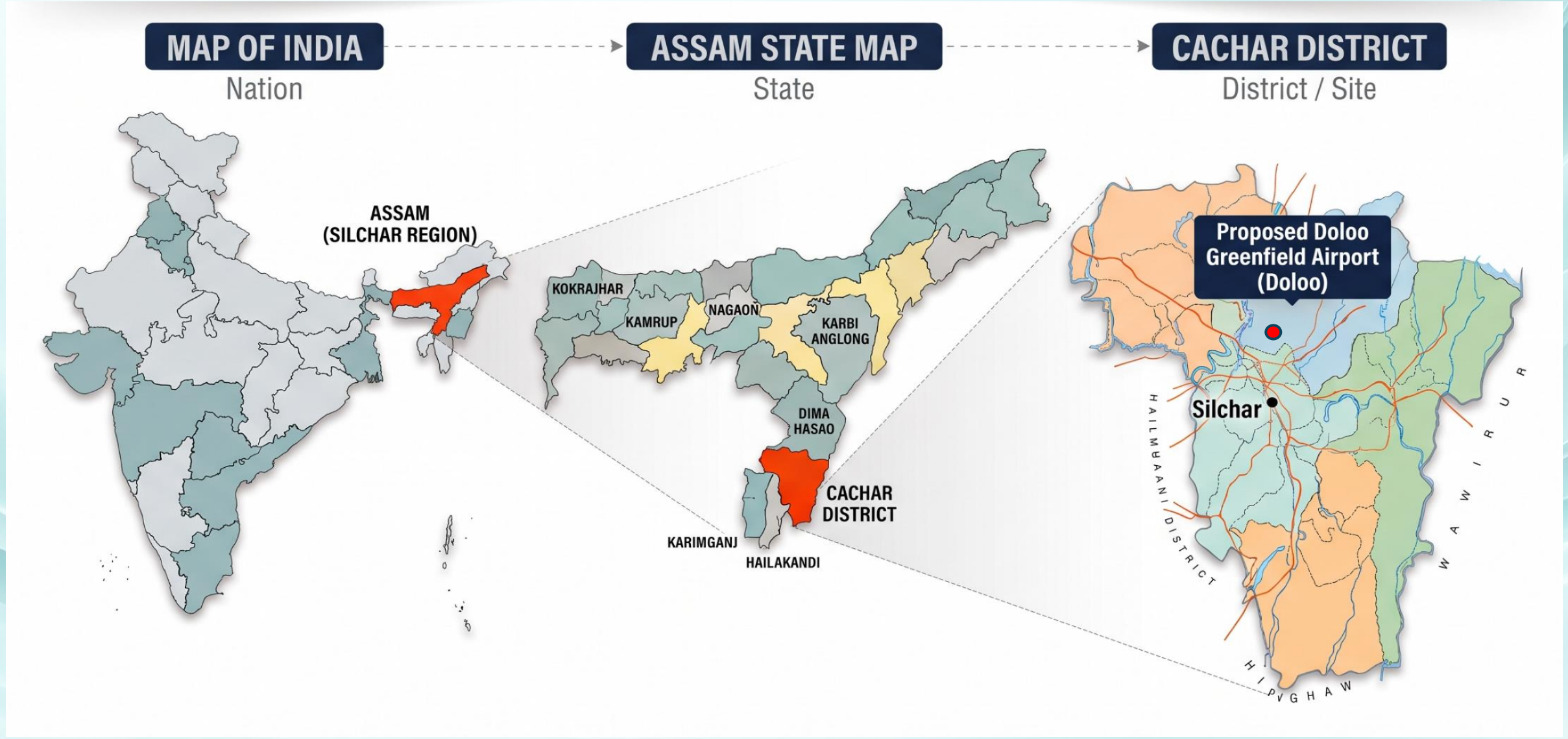








Map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ASSAM STATE MAP
State
CACHAR DISTRICT
District / Site
ASSAM
(SILCHAR REGION)
KOKRAJHAR
KAMRUP
NAGAON
KARBI
ANGLONG
DIMA
HASAO
CACHAR
DISTRICT
KARIMGANJ
HAILAKANDI
Proposed Doloo
Greenfield Airport
(Doloo)
Silchar
HAILAKANDI DISTRICT
WEST KARBI ANGLONG

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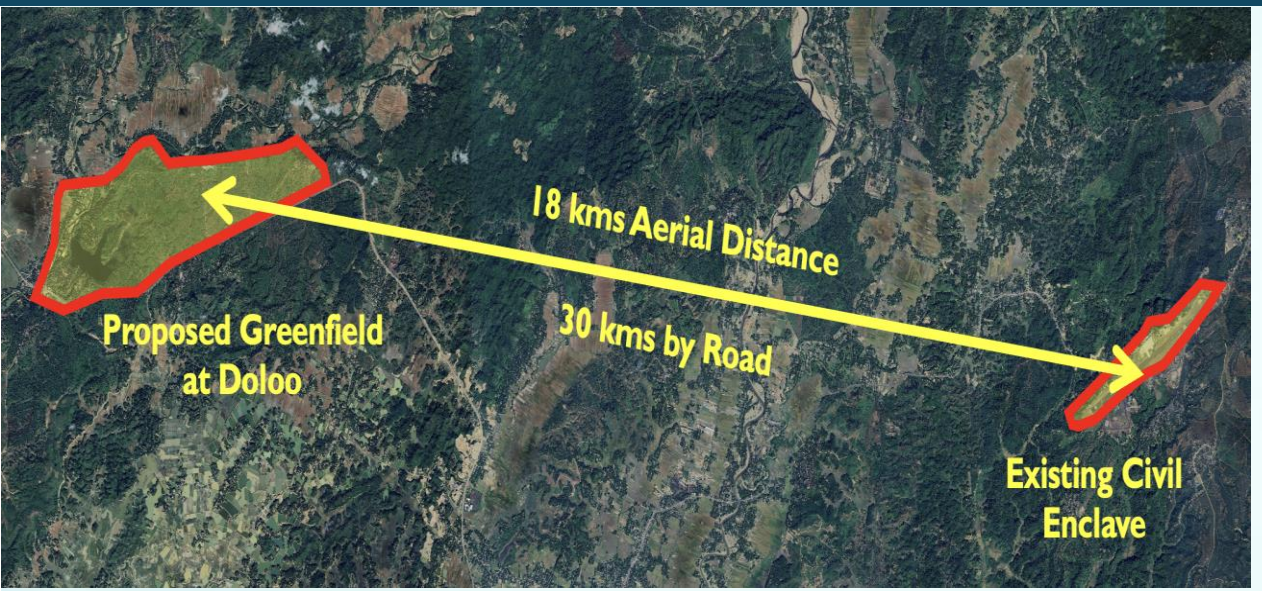

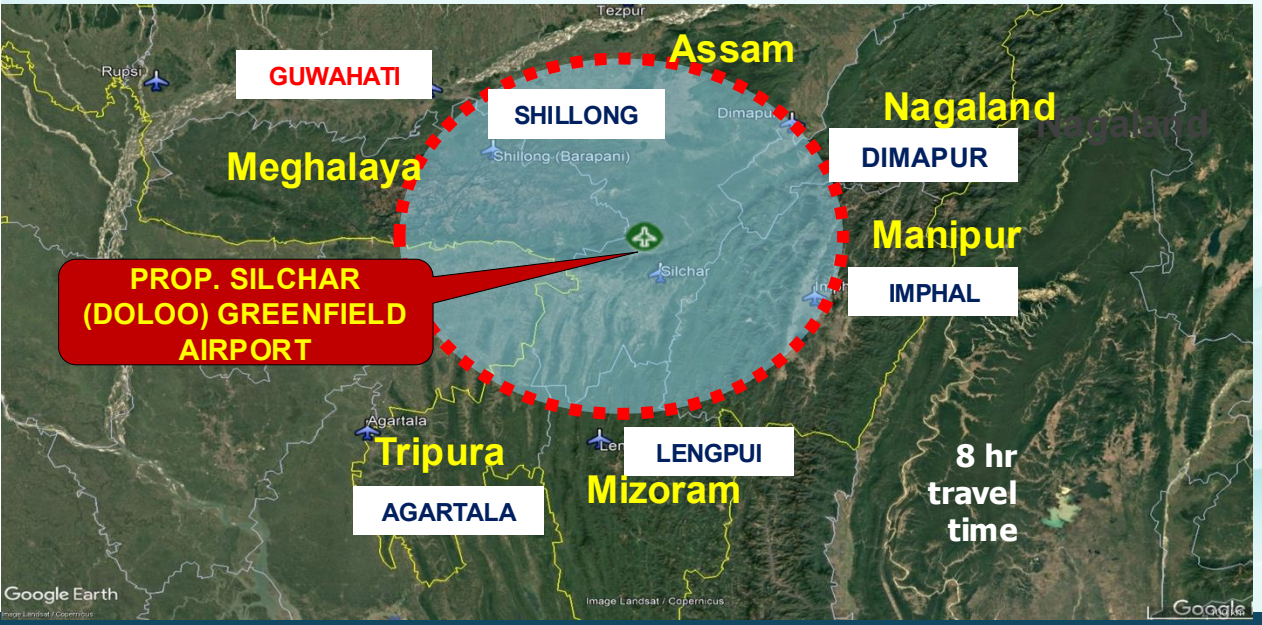

- The existing **Airport at Silchar is owned by the Indian Air Force (IAF),** with Airports Authority of India (AAI) operating a civil enclave spread over 70 acres of land.
- The existing airport **is suitable only for A320/ B737-800 type of aircraft.**
- Traffic at Silchar Airport's **terminal is already exceeding its capacity** and there is **no land left to expand the existing civil enclave.**
- The new airport will meet the **growing air traffic demand not only of Silchar, but also of neighbouring States.**

Bigger Terminal, Longer Runway, Stronger Links

- The Cabinet has approved the construction of a **new greenfield airport at Doloo, Silchar (Assam).**
- The proposed greenfield airport will have a **new 12,351 sqm terminal building** and will have a **2,705 m × 45 m runway**.
- It will handle **800 passengers at peak hour** (400 arriving and 400 departing) and **1.01 million passengers a year.**
- The **project is estimated to cost Rs 2,014 Cr** and will be **fully funded from the Airports Authority of India's (AAI) own internal resources.**
- The project will provide the connectivity **to Barak Valley and the adjoining North-Eastern region, promoting tourism.**
- It will promote cargo movement of **perishables/horticulture produce** of NE Region.

Postal Operations Scheme







Stronger Logistics, Faster Parcels

- The Cabinet has approved the **Postal Operations Scheme of the Department of Posts.**
- It is a Central Sector Scheme with a **outlay of Rs. 1,141 Cr over five years**, from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
- The scheme aims to **modernise the postal network and strengthen mail and parcel operations**.
- **Rural post offices will be upgraded**, and mail and parcel handling will be modernised.
- **Middle-mile logistics for mail and parcels will be strengthened.**
- **Government schemes will reach citizens more easily**, and engagement with young people will increase.
- The scheme is **aligned with Digital India, Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat.**

Components, Scope and Outlay

S. No.	Component and Scope	Outlay (Rs. crore)
1.	**Rural Business & Access to Postal Network**: Infrastructure, branding in 33,500 rural post offices as service hubs	120
2.	**Mail Network Optimization**: Modernisation of 160 Mail Hubs, 7,000 Delivery offices, 17 Mail Motor Service workshops, Road Transport Network routes , 10,000 smart 24x7 letter boxes	575
3.	**Parcel Network Optimization**: 67 Parcel Hubs and 510 Parcel Packaging Units (PPUs)	278
4.	**International Mails Infrastructure**: Upgradation of 5 Foreign Post Offices (FPOs) and Sub FPOs	8
5.	**Marketing Functions including Quality of Service**: campaigns, 1 Lakh Dak Chaupals, studios, evaluation	100
6.	**Philately Operations**: 150 exhibitions, One National Philately Museum, new stamp designs, SPARSH, Dhai Akhar, modernization	60
	Total Outlay (FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31)	**1,141**

Estates Management Scheme







Modern Offices, Preserved Heritage

- The Cabinet has approved the **continuation of the Estates Management Scheme of the Department of Posts.**
- It is a Central Sector Scheme with a **proposed outlay of Rs. 1,491 Cr over five years**, from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
- The **scheme aims to modernise the estates infrastructure of the Department of Posts**.
- It will **fund the construction and renovation of post offices and give them uniform branding.**
- It will also **renovate staff quarters and preserve the Department's heritage buildings.**
- Modern buildings **will support first-mile booking, last-mile delivery, financial inclusion and citizen-centric services.**
- The **scheme is aligned with Digital India, Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat.**

Components, Scope and Outlay

S. No.	Component and Scope	Outlay (Rs. crore)
1.	**New Construction**: 190 departmental buildings on vacant plots, replacing rented premises	280
2.	**Re-construction**: 50 dilapidated departmental buildings	108
3.	**Renovation & Branding**: 2,550 departmental Sub-Post Offices	318
4.	**Rented Post Office Upgrades**: 2,500 offices, uniform branding	37.50
5.	**Heritage Preservation:** 20 landmark heritage postal buildings	180
6.	**Colony Renovation**: 150 high-demand residential colonies	357.50
7.	**Allied & Inclusive Activities**: solar, rainwater harvesting, accessibility, ladies' toilets and feeding rooms	110
8.	**Integrated Technology Center**: permanent CEPT facility, Bengaluru	100
	Total Outlay (FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31)	**1,491**

