

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2746
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2000
DEVELOPMENT OF HILLY REGIONS OF ASSAM
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL);P.R. KHUTE

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of projects have been launched under the special Central Assistance Scheme for development of hilly regions of Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Special Central Assistance is provided under Hill Areas Development Programme (HADP) to the two hill districts of Assam, namely North Cachar Hills District and Karbi Anglong Hill District in order to supplement the efforts of the State Government in the all round development of these districts. Under HADP, the concerned State Governments are required to prepare a Sub-Plan which includes schemes to be funded from State Plan Outlay as well as Special Central Assistance allocated for the year. During 1997-98, an amount of Rs. 46.32 crore was provided as Special Central Assistance to the Hill Areas of Assam. The corresponding figures for 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are Rs. 50.16 crore and Rs. 50.90 crore, respectively.

Further under the Non-lapsable Pool of Resources from 1998-99 to date, an amount of Rs. 5.00 crore was provided for road schemes for N.C. Hills and Rs. 3.00 crore for Diphu Campus of Assam University. In addition, Rs. 16.21 crore has been provided for minor irrigation schemes, Rs. 10.00 crore for bridging infrastructure gaps in Forestry Sector and Rs. 30.00 crore for installation of One Lakh Shallow Tubewells to the State of Assam as a whole, which would also fund schemes in the hill areas. In addition an amount of Rs. 5.00 crore was provided during 1999-2000 as Additional Central Assistance for the Autonomous Council of North Cachar District.

(c) Not applicable.