

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME IN NORTH EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any programme to provide employment to unemployed youths of North-Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated under the various schemes during the last three years for the purpose; and
- (d) the number of Youth benefited thereby during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a)&(b): There are a number of Centrally Sponsored Poverty Alleviation Programmes, which also generate supplementary employment. These are implemented all over the country, including the North Eastern Region. Schemes like Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana(SJGSY), Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana(JGSY) and Employment Assurance Scheme(EAS) are implemented in the rural areas and Swarna Jayanti Shaheri Rozgar Yojana(SJSRY) are implemented in the urban areas. However, these schemes are not specifically for employment generation for the youths. The Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana(PMRY) launched in 1993 generates self employment for educated youths throughout the country including the North Eastern Region.

(c): Under PMRY, the Central Government provides funds for subsidy and entrepreneurial development etc. Subsidy is provided @ 15% of the project cost subject to a ceiling of Rs.15,000 per beneficiary in the NE States. RBI is authorized to pass the subsidy on to beneficiary through the implementing banks. The funds for entrepreneurial development training @ Rs.1000 per beneficiary for industrial sector and Rs.500 per beneficiary for service and business sectors are released to the States/Uts. In addition, contingency funds are also released to the States/UTs @ Rs.250 per person/sanctioned loan. An amount of Rs.362.62 lakhs was released to the North Eastern States including Sikkim during the period 1998-99 to 2001-02 (as on 14.3.2002) for entrepreneurial development and contingency etc. under PMRY. State-wise releases made are given in the Annexure-I.

(d): A statement indicating state-wise number of youths benefited under PMRY in the NE states including Sikkim is at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

Funds released to the North Eastern States including Sikkim during the period 1998-99 to 2001-02 (as on 14.3.2002) for entrepreneurial development and contingency etc. under PMRY.

(Rs.in lakhs)

Sl.No	State	Years	Total			
		1998-99	99-2000	2000-01	2001-02	
1.	Assam	138.72	53.88	20.69	42.85	256.14
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4.79	3.03	1.92	1.74	11.48
3.	Manipur	5.99	1.02	3.34	4.50	14.84
4.	Meghalaya	3.20	4.61	4.79	13.56	26.18

5. Mizoram	2.55	2.61	1.45	1.62	8.23
6. Nagaland	4.07	1.47	2.94	2.99	11.47
7. Tripura	2.11	5.79	2.57	21.40	31.86
8. Sikkim	1.08	1.05	0.14	0.15	2.42
Total	162.51	73.46	37.84	88.81	362.62

Annexure-II

State-wise number of youths benefited under PMRY in the NE States including Sikkim during 1998-99 to 2000-01

Sl. No. States Employment Generated

1998-99 99-2000 2000-01

1. Assam 8288 8775 2301

2. Arunachal Pradesh 249 323 177

3. Manipur 611 465 504

4. Meghalaya 303 534 609

5. Mizoram 56 126 368

6. Nagaland 60 110 29

7. Tripura 165 366 39

8. Sikkim 68 65 60

Total 9800 10764 4087