

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4706
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2003
CURTAILMENT IN EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) The year-wise expenditure incurred under various heads such as publicity, advertisement, hospitality, catering, opening ceremonies, seminars, conferences, tours (including foreign visits), STD and ISD telephone bills, electricity bills especially the electricity bills of airconditioners and coolers and other office expenses in various departments and undertakings under his Ministry during the last three years;
- (b) Whether the Government propose to launch any drive to cut down the expenditure being incurred under the above heads;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) Is not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR STATE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The Department of Development of North Eastern Region came into existence in September, 2001. Accordingly, the organisations / undertakings were transferred to it. However, the year-wise information of expenditure incurred by this Department after its creation and the information about expenditure by the organisations / undertakings under this Department during last three years is annexed at Annexure - I.

(b)&(c) As per the instructions / guidelines issued by Government of India from time to time regarding economic measures, steps are being taken by the Department of Development of North Eastern Region and its organizations / undertakings to curtail the expenditure to the barest minimum.

(d) Question does not arise.

Statement showing year-wise expenditure incurred under various heads in Department of Development of North Eastern Region and its Undertakings / Organisations during 2000-01, 2001-02 & 2002-03

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (Rs. In lakhs)

Year	Publicity and Advertisement (Advocacy & Capacity Building)	Seminars & Conferences & local calls (ACs, (Petrol, coolers books, etc.) stationary, etc.)	Hospitality Tours India Abroad	Telephone STD, trunk, ISD	Electe ricity	Other office
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#2000-01						
#2001-02						
2002-03	200.00	0.59	0.40	14.91	- 3.58	- ## 10.13

North Eastern Council (NEC) Secretariat, Shillong

2000-01	0.83	9.45	2.49	19.00	1.83	16.84	1.7	51.96
2001-02	0.73	17.97	6.10	21.98	1.59	11.30	6.24	40.25
2002-03	122.25	37.08	8.91	25.00	0.98	9.47	6.03	73.38

North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC), Guwahati

2000-01	0.62	2.44	-	11.16	5.12	-	0.53	19.93
2001-02	-	0.70	-	4.95	4.24	-	0.69	15.95
2002-03	1.87	1.66	-	5.47	1.96	-	0.45	8.43

North Eastern Handicrafts & Handloom Development Corporation (NEHHDC), Shillong

2000-01	0.36	-	-	12.74	-	4.81	3.42	72.74
2001-02	0.68	-	-	13.27	-	5.44	4.45	96.38
2002-03	0.72	-	-	15.00	-	6.50	5.25	115.00

North Eastern Development Finance Corporation (NEDFi), Guwahati

2000-01	13.07	8.67	2.85	26.31	-	10.15	-	0.76	77.51
2001-02	7.82	10.99	6.61	21.16	-	12.45	-	1.83	92.39
2002-03	2.53	1.33	6.37	16.30	-	9.20	-	2.73	86.02

Sikkim Mining Corporation (SMC), Rangpo

2000-01	0.38	-	-	-	0.39	-	13.13	9.49
2001-02	0.08	-	-	-	0.94	-	15.04	9.79
2002-03	0.46	-	-	-	0.53	-	19.24	9.13

Department of Development of North Eastern Region was created in September, 2001 and all expenses relating to this Department were incurred from the budget of Ministry of Home Affairs during October, 2001 to March, 2002. Separate Budget was given to this Department only from 01.04.2002.

Borne by CPWD for all offices (including this Department) housed in Vigyan Bhavan Annexe