

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are making a number of efforts for the economic development of the North Eastern States and for generating employment opportunities therein;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and annual expenditure incurred by the Government on the development of North Eastern Region during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether the all round development of the region has not taken place during this period; and
- (e) if so, the amount allocated for this purpose by the Government during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 239 due for answer on 5.8.2003 by Shri Y.G. Mahajan and Shri Ratilal Kalidas Varma

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The development including economic development of all the North Eastern States is pursued by the State Governments and Union Ministries/Agencies through Five Year Plans and Annual Plans. All the North Eastern States including Sikkim are categorized as Special Category States where 90% of the Central Assistance for the Plan is given as Grant from Central Government. Central Assistance is provided to support the State Development Plan.

In addition Union Ministries except for a few exempted Ministries are required to spend at least 10% of their Plan budget in the North Eastern Region. The unspent balance out of this 10% is transferred to Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). Funds available in NLCPR are used for financing infrastructure projects in the North Eastern Region. Simultaneously, North Eastern Council also funds inter-state and regional infrastructure projects.

Besides, a 28-point Agenda for Socio-Economic Development of North Eastern States and Sikkim, as announced by the Prime Minister in January, 2000 at Shillong, is under implementation. The details of the projects/schemes under the Agenda are available on the website : www.pmindia.nic.in

Implementation of various schemes/development projects carried out by the efforts of Government, apart from development, also generates employment opportunities in all the North Eastern States. Furthermore, Government of India's self-employment scheme- "Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana" (SGSY) and Wage Employment Scheme- "Sampoorn Gramin Rozgar Yojana" (SGRY) create direct employment in rural areas. In addition Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP), and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) also generate employment opportunities in rural areas. Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) having two components, that are Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP) and Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP), is being implemented to create employment opportunities in Urban Areas. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) implemented by Ministry of Small Scale Industries and Ministry of Agro & Rural Industries respectively provide self employment to educated unemployed youth.

(c) Details of funds allocated and annual expenditure incurred by the Government on the development of North Eastern Region during each of the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

1. Normal Central Assistance

Allocation 3377.57 3478.75 3826.63
Release 3317.37 3355.31 3753.44

2. Expenditure by non-exempted Central Ministries

Allocation 4197.11 5158.30 5914.06 #
Expenditure 2920.49 3801.03 5200.47 #

3. Expenditure through schemes sanctioned from Non lapsable Central Pool of Resources 309.25 493.26 550.00

4. North Eastern Council

Allocation 410.90 450.00 450.00
Release 412.96 426.72 441.52 #

(#) Provisional

(d) Percentage Growth Rates of State Domestic Product (GSDP) for Ninth Five Year Plan which includes Year 2000-01 and 2001-02 as given below indicate that all round development has taken place during this period :

State Growth Rates of State Domestic Product@

Arunachal Pradesh	4.4
Assam	2.1
Manipur	6.4
Meghalaya	6.2
Mizoram	NA #
Nagaland	2.6
Sikkim	8.3
Tripura	7.4

(@) Source : Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) Document, Vol.-I, Planning Commission.
NA # : Not available.

(e) Details of allocation of funds for North Eastern Region for 2003-04 are given below :

(Rs. in crore)

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1. Normal Central Assistance 3775.50

2. Allocation by non-exempted Central Ministries 5415.79

3. Allocation through schemes sanctioned directly from Non lapsable Central Pool of Resources 550.00

4. Allocation of North Eastern Council 500.00