

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:12
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UTILISATION OF FUNDS FOR NORTH EASTERN STATES
PRABODH PANDA

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

- (a) whether the North Eastern States have utilized the funds allocated to them during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;
- (b) if so, the funds allocated and utilized, Scheme-wise, State-wise;
- (c) whether some North Eastern State Governments have demanded enhancement of allocations;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to increase the allocations during the current year;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

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

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.12 for answer on 2.12.2003 by Shri Prabodh Panda regarding Utilisation of funds for North Eastern States.

The eight North Eastern States, viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura receive funds for developmental programmes/projects for their respective States from various sources including Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), which is administered by the Department of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER). The releases under NLCPR are project specific and determined on the basis of prioritization given by respective States. During financial year 2001-2002, an amount of Rs.491.82 crore was released for funding of 187 projects and during 2002-2003 an amount of Rs.550 crore was released for funding 264 projects under NLCPR. The State Governments/implementing agencies utilize the released amount for implementing respective projects which are to be completed within specified time. These projects are continuing schemes and funds are released by DoNER in instalments on the basis of satisfactory financial and physical progress reported by implementing agencies from time to time and also as per quarterly progress reports.

Under the NLCPR funding, a total number of 549 schemes have been sanctioned for funding till date. State wise and scheme wise details of all 549 projects are available on the website at www.northeast.nic.in. A copy of the same has been placed in the Library of the House.

The eight North Eastern States send their prioritised schemes to DoNER for consideration annually and later from time to time. It is a continuous process. There has been no specific proposal from the North Eastern States for enhancing the allocation under NLCPR. In the current year's budget, a provision of Rs.550 crore has been made for funding under NLCPR, which has not yet been fully exhausted. Therefore, there has been no need for increasing allocation during the current year.