

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

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

- (a) whether the Prime Minister has announced an economic package including employment of the misguided youth of the North-East region in his recent visit to Nagaland;
- (b) if so, the details of the package; and
- (c) the action plan contemplated for implementation of the package?

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c): The Prime Minister during his visit to Nagaland on 27th to 29th October, 2003 had announced an economic package for development of Nagaland. This package included:

- (i) The Government of India jointly with the State Government will draw up a plan for creating 25000 employment and self-employment opportunities for the youth in Nagaland. Approximately Rs. 250 crore will be provided to implement this plan.
- (ii) Kohima will be connected with the East-West Corridor under the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) Kohima-Dimapur section will be four-laned at an estimated cost of Rs. 400 crore.
- (iii) State Government proposals for construction of roads in districts of Tuensang, Mon, Kiphire and Wokha districts will be taken up at a cost of Rs. 75 crores.
- (iv) A 23 MW Thermal Power Project will be funded by the Government of India at a cost of around Rs. 105 crore.
- (v) Government of India will provide Rs. 35 crore for the development of infrastructure of Nagaland University at Lumami. In addition Rs. 10 crore will be provided for the development of Kohima campus.
- (vi) Rs. 15 crore will be provided for building a new Sainik School at Kohima.