

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to expand 'North-Eastern Council' for the economic development of the North Eastern region;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The name and details of the scheme which the Government is formulating for the socio-economic development of these States?

**Answer**

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The Central Ministries/Departments (except those exempted) are mandated to earmark and spend at least 10% of their gross budgetary support on their schemes in the North Eastern Region. The unspent balance of funds against the mandatory 10% accrues to Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources. Out of this Pool, funds are allocated to this Ministry through the budget for funding the projects relating to the development of socio-economic infrastructure in the North Eastern Region. In addition, North Eastern Council also receives budgetary allocation for funding projects for the development of infrastructure in the Region.