

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4024
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2005
RECOMMENDATION OF SHUKLA COMMISSION
Sarman Dr. Arun Kumar

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

- (a) the execution status of the action plan finalized on various recommendations of the Shukla Commission for reducing the gap of infrastructure and development in the North East in terms of PM's special packages 1996 and 1999;
- (b) the sector-wise target and achievement made so far; and
- (c) the status of the remaining recommendations of the commission yet to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a),(b)&(c): In October, 1996, the Prime Minister announced new initiatives for North East Region, which inter-alia included, "Commission to determine gaps in Infrastructure and backlog in Basic Minimum Service". In view of that, the Shukla Commission was appointed to inter-alia examine gaps in infrastructure development and backlog in respect of Basic Minimum Services in the North Eastern States. This required mobilization of financial resources to fill up the gaps in the Region. Hence, all Ministries/Departments, except those specifically exempted, were required to make a mandatory minimum provision of 10% of their budgetary allocation for the North Eastern Region. The Government also created a Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) consisting of funds from the balance of mandatory 10% of the budgetary allocation for the North Eastern Region (NER) which the Central Ministries/Departments are unable to spend for their respective schemes/programmes. The money from this Pool is used for upgrading the socio-economic infrastructure in the NE States. A Statement showing sector-wise releases from the Pool till 31.03.05 is annexed. No Package was announced in 1999.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a),(b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4024 for answer on 23rd August, 2005 regarding Recommendation of Shukla Commission by Dr. Arun Kumar Sarma

Sector-wise Releases from NLCPR as on 31.03.05.

Sectors Total Release In Rs. crore

Agriculture & Allied	20.71
Education	377.97
FloodControl & Irrigation	305.93
Health	139.08
Power	1030.76
Road & Bridges	547.57
Sports	88.05
WaterSupply	343.14
Others	217.39

Total 3070.60