

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2410
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2006
FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS OF N. E. STATES
Hussain Shri Anwar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has introduced the North-East sub-plans in all Central Ministries for which 10 percent of their budgets are to be earmarked;
- (b) If so, the total funds allocated in the budgets for 2005-06 and 2006-07 and how much allocations were made for North-East States for the said period;
- (c) Whether the Railways have any Special Developmental Wing for planning and executing the developmental works for N.E. States;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) If not, the manner by which the 10 percent of the special allocations are being planned and executed ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2410 BY SHRI ANWAR HUSSAIN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.8.2006 REGARDING FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS OF N.E. STATES

(a): As per the extant instructions, Ministry of Railways are required to earmark 10% of their Budgetary Support available, for spending on developmental schemes in the North Eastern Region.

(b): The Railway Budget is maintained zone-wise and not region or state-wise. Northeast Frontier Railway is the zone that mainly caters to the North Eastern Region. The details of allocation for the North Eastern Region from out of the total plan allocation of the Railways during 2005-06 and 2006-07, financed through the available budgetary support, are as under:-

Year	Allocation (Rs. in crores)		
	All Indian Railways Region	North Eastern allocation	%age
2005-06	3256.23	377.77	11.60

(Revised Grant)			
2006-07	4806.59	570.00	11.86

(Budget Grant)

The available budgetary support to the Railways for earmarking 10% of funds for the North Eastern Region is derived after setting aside, from the Gross Budgetary Support, the amounts specifically provided as contribution from General Exchequer for, Special Railway Safety Fund, identified National Projects, Externally Aided Projects, Railways' share out of diesel cess, etc.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The Construction Organization of Northeast Frontier Railway is responsible for execution of developmental projects in North Eastern Region. It is headed by an officer of the rank of General Manager, who has under him a full-fledged organisation for planning and execution of the projects.

(e) : Does not arise.