

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4011
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2005
FAST TRACK COMMITTEE IN NER QUESTION
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formed any Fast Track Committee to regulate the funds of Special Cell of North East Studies for promotion of Social Science Research in North Eastern Region (NER);
- (b) if so, the objectives and the functional status of the Committee since inception ;
- (c) whether the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) has decided to dissolve this Fast Track Committee, and
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the reason therefor ?

Answer

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

- (a): As per the information received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, an autonomous body under that Ministry, had formed a Fast Track Committee in January 2002, in order to ensure quick inflow of funds for promotion of social science research in North Eastern Region.
- (b): The function of the Committee was to consider and recommend the requests for financial assistance for Research Projects, Fellowships, Seminars, Conferences, Training Courses, Workshops, etc. to the Council for North Eastern Region.
- (c) : Yes, Sir.
- (d) : The ICSSR's Council at its 100th meeting held on 6th June, 2005 had resolved that the appropriate authority for considering research projects is either the Research Committee or the Council. Any other committee or Authority, however defined, is not contemplated in the MOA of ICSSR.