

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR NORTH EASTERN STATES

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to provide a special package for formulating any scheme for rural development in North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the funds allocated for the all schemes in the said areas during the last one year and till date, State-wise, scheme-wise; and

(d) the number of habitations estimated to be eligible for coverage under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the Eastern States, State-wise ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a)&(b): There is no proposal for any special scheme or package for rural development in the North Eastern States. However, a minimum of 10% of the annual allocation under the Rural Development Programmes is earmarked for NE States to ensure adequate availability of funds for their development. The unutilized portion of these funds is held in a non-lapsable pool.

(c) The funds allocated for the allocation-based rural development schemes in the N.E States for the year 2003-04 and proposed for the year 2004-05 are given in the Annexure.

(d) The number of habitations eligible for coverage under the PMGSY in Eastern States is as follows:-

State	No. of Habitations eligible for coverage
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Arunachal Pradesh	618
Assam	13144
Manipur	515
Meghalaya	472
Mizoram	285
Nagaland	94
Orissa	12597
Sikkim	318
Tripura	2091
West Bengal	25288