

**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 received any request from the State Governments of the North Eastern Region (NER) including Assam for creating a mechanism to provide central funds directly to the Autonomous District Councils in the NER;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a): This Ministry, under Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), have not received any request from the State Governments of the North Eastern Region (NER) including Assam for creating a mechanism to provide central funds directly to the Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) in the NER.

Funding is done under NLCPR scheme to all the ADCs of the North Eastern States including Assam and Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) areas of Assam through the respective State Governments. For BTC areas, there is separate provision of 'BTC Package' of Rs. 750.00 crore (Rs. 500.00 crore as 'Special BTC Package' and Rs. 250.00 crore as 'Additional BTC Package).

(b) to (c): Questions do not arise.