

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

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QUESTION BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR NER
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 10 per cent of the Budgetary allocation of each Ministry/ Department is earmarked for the North Eastern Region (NER);
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the amount spent by each Ministry in the NER during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the monitoring mechanism in place to ensure judicious utilization of the said fund?

Answer

MINISTER, MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a) to (b) Yes Sir. Since 1998 – 1999, all Ministries/ Departments of Government of India (except a few specifically exempted ones) are earmarking at least 10% of their annual budget, less allocation for externally aided schemes and local or event specific schemes /projects for expenditure in the North Eastern Region. At present, there are 52 non-exempted Ministries / Departments which earmark funds for the North Eastern Region.

The year-wise allocation/expenditure under earmarked funds for North East Region by non-exempted Ministries during the last three years are as given below:

(Rs. cr.)

RE	Expenditure	RE	Expenditure	RE	Expenditure@
2007-08	2007-08	2008-09	2008-09	2009-10	2009-10
12968.38	11048.07	14846.91	12446.74	16229.46	11518.90

@ expenditure details furnished by 39 Non-exempted Ministries.

Ministry / Department-wise outlay and expenditure during the last three years with respect to earmarked funds for NER is annexed at Annexure I, II, III. The details shows under utilization of funds against the outlays by a few Ministries/Departments. Broad reasons for under utilization as reported by Ministries/ Departments are absence of proposals and Utilisation Certificates from North East States.

(c) The line Central Ministries / Departments are responsible for implementation of their schemes in the North East States against earmarked allocations. However, keeping in view the potentiality of accelerating development of the Region across sectors through stepping up utilization of the same by North East States, the Ministry of DoNER is laying importance to the utilization of funds against funds earmarked for the North East by the non-exempted Ministries through calling for periodic reports from the Ministries/Departments concerned.