

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

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SCHEME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NE  
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**Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the development of the North Eastern region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it is likely to be implemented;
- (c) whether some economic package/assistance has also been provided for the said scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the heads under which it is likely to be spent?

**Answer**

MINISTER, MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a)&(b): For development of North Eastern Region, the Government made it mandatory for all the Central Ministries/Departments of Government of India(except few specifically exempted ones) to earmark at least 10% of their annual budget, less allocation for externally aided schemes and local or events specific Schemes/Projects, for expenditure in the North Eastern Region. The unspent balance of the 10% annual budget earmarked for North Eastern Region of these Ministries/Departments does not lapse but automatically gets transferred to the Central Pool of resources called Non- Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region implements a scheme called NLCPR Scheme for development of infrastructure in the North Eastern Region. The NLCPR Scheme receives Budget annually from the NLCPR Pool. Under NLCPR Scheme the Ministry sanctions physical and social infrastructure projects. The NLCPR Scheme has specific Guidelines for its implementation which are available on the Ministry's website: [www.mdoner.gov.in](http://www.mdoner.gov.in).

(c)& (d): No, Sir, the NLCPR Scheme has not received any economic package/assistance.