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SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR ASSAM
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the implementation of Prime Minister's special package for the State of Assam; and
- (b) the total funds sanctioned under this package, released, incurred and utilization certificate (s) received from the State Government along with physical progress made so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSION (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b): The four special economic packages announced by the Prime Minister which are implemented or being implemented by the Government of Assam, along with their status of implementation, including financial sanction, physical progress etc. are as below:

A. Economic package announced in November 2004:

(i) Special Plan Assistance of Rs.240 crore for repair of infrastructure damaged by floods in Assam:

An amount of Rs.240 crore was provided to the State of Assam as one time Additional Central Assistance (ACA) during the year 2004-05 for implementation of twelve projects related to restoration of irrigation projects, flood protection system, improvement of roads, construction of schools and office buildings, water supply schemes etc. As reported by the State government, the ACA amount has been fully utilized and projects have been completed.

(ii) Preparation of blue print for employment generation by the Planning Commission in consultation with the State Government and other bodies:

As a follow-up of the announcement, the Government of Assam has formulated a project for generation of employment for 1,67,000 youths on a Mission Mode at an estimated cost of Rs. 669 crore which included the cost for development of manpower skills, industrial infrastructure, primary healthcare, setting up of Mission Directorate, operations and management. 50% of the project cost is expected as institutional finance. The project envisages participation from beneficiaries various non-governmental developmental organizations. A Mission Directorate has been setup by the State Government for implementation of the project. The Planning Commission approved the project "in principle" and an amount of Rs. 10 crore was provided as one time ACA in 2006-07 and another amount of Rs.40 crore was provided as ACA in the year 2007-08 for the identified activities under the mission. As reported by the State Government, so far, Rs. 10 crore has been utilized.

B. Economic package announced in August 2008:

(iii) Assistance to the Government of Assam in setting up State Skill Development Mission for skill development and generation of employment among the educated youth:

In the line with the guidelines issued by the Government of India, a three tier Skill Development Mission has been setup by the State Government. The process of establishment of ITIs in 10 identified districts of Assam is on under the Skill Development Mission programme, which is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme(CSS) under the Ministry of Labour, Government of India. The State Share of 10% is being provided as envisaged under the CSS.

(iv) Additional assistance of Rs. 250 crore for integrated development of Bodo Territorial Council (BTC):

Bodo Territorial Council (BTC) is one of the three District Councils of Assam falling under Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. As a part of Memorandum of Settlement of 2003 for development of BTC area the Government of India provided Rs. 500 crore as financial assistance for taking up socio-economic infrastructure projects to develop the in BTC areas through the budget of Department of North Eastern Region (DoNER) during the period 2004- 05 to 2008-09.

The economic package announced in August 2008 included a commitment of another Rs. 250 crore by the central government, over and above Rs. 500 crore already provided, for integrated development of BTC area. During the year 2009-10 a provision of Rs. 50 crore has been made. During the 2010-11, a budgetary provision of Rs. 50 crore has been made under the DoNER.

As reported by the State Government, so far, 42 projects worth of Rs. 476.28 crore have been approved, amount released by DoNER is Rs. 450.81 crore. The utilization certificates for Rs. 374.35 crore have been received. 17 projects have been completed. The average physical progress for the remaining projects is around 85%.