

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1565

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FUNDS FOR BTAD

Bwiswmuthiary Shri Sansuma Khunggur;Dubey Shri Nishikant

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to earmark a separate Central Fund amounting to a minimum of Rs. 500.00 crore per annum under the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) for the Bodoland Territorial Areas District (BTAD) from the next financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken so far to rectify the present system of funding;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide the Central Funds directly to the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) administration without channelling the funds through the State Government of Assam in order to help speed up the pace of developmental works; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal to earmark the separate Central Fund amounting to Rs. 500.00 crore per annum under NLCPR for the BTAD from the next financial year. However, as per the Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) signed between the Government of India, Government of Assam and Bodo Liberation Tiger (BLT) in the year 2003, the Government of India had agreed to provide financial assistance of Rs. 100 crores per annum for 5 years (Rs. 500.00 crores) for projects to develop the socio – economic infrastructure in Bodo Territorial Council (BTC) areas over and above the normal plan assistance to the State of Assam.

Besides, Hon'ble Prime Minister during his visit to Assam in August 2008 had announced an 'Additional BTC Package for Rs. 250.00 crore'.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise