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

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FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN STATES
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## Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds granted, released and utilised for the development of the North Eastern Region during each of the last three years and the current year, project-wise, scheme-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether the North Eastern States have utilised all the funds, granted for the development of the States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any audit has been conducted to assess the impact of the said projects and schemes and record its beneficiaries; and
- (e) 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) and (c) The Planning Commission is involved in the finalisation of the annual plans of the States of North East. The size of each year's plan is finalised based on the available resources of the States (State's own funds, borrowings and any other resources) and the available Central Assistance in the particular year. A statement indicating Annual Plan outlays / actual expenditure during 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and current year 2011-12 to enable the State Governments to take up priority projects across the sectors and to meet the resource gap in the Plan for the North Eastern States is given at Annexure-I.

Grants-in-aid to the North Eastern State Governments are also released under the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) Scheme by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER). However, under the Scheme, State-wise allocations are not made. Details of total funds granted/released and utilised (State-wise) for the development of North Eastern States under NLCPR and Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) Package, during each of the last three years and the current year are given below. The State-wise, Project-wise release/utilisation of funds during the last three years and current year is at Annexure –II and III respectively. These Annexures have been put on the website of the Ministry i.e. www.mdoner.gov.in.

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Funds Released under NLCPR & BTC Package
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(` in crore)

State Year 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 (As on 16.11.11)

NLCPR Scheme

Arunachal Pradesh 165.98 152.89 143.94 85.22
Assam 94.38 107.49 168.61 52.42
Manipur 84.36 90.09 78.87 19.83
Meghalaya 94.83 76.72 57.86 60.24
Mizoram 14.95 19.91 73.73 28.29
Nagaland 103.81 102.94 98.43 59.02
Sikkim 62.91 22.91 55.39 34.86
Tripura 39.19 95.67 95.50 28.21
Total 660.41 668.62 772.33 368.09

BTC Package 67.03 3.15 50.00 15.09

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(`in crore)

State Year
2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12
(As on 16.11.11)

NLCPR Scheme
Arunachal Pradesh 122.96 96.81 161.50 31.06
Assam 86.48 53.75 93.93 81.45
Manipur 68.03 83.90 59.72 22.92
Meghalaya 64.45 63.68 33.74 40.17
Mizoram 59.20 10.02 24.25 16.58
Nagaland 61.84 113.96 109.37 61.94
Sikkim 49.27 37.83 21.08 36.05
Tripura 58.77 76.83 65.70 15.68
Total 571.00 536.78 569.29 305.85

BTC Package 58.37 43.05 45.73 20.13
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The details of total funds granted by the North Eastern Council to the North Eastern States during each of the last three years and the current year are given at Annexure-IV. This Annexure has been put on the website of the Ministry i.e. www.mdoner.gov.in.

Details of unspent balances of the NEC releases, as on 30.06.2011, are given below:

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STATUS OF OUTSTANDING UTILIZATION CERTIFICATES (UCs) & UNSPENT BALANCES WITH THE STATE GOVERNMENTS (as on 30th June, 2011)

(`in Crores)

S1.No States Amount of Outstanding UCs/unspent balances

1 Arunachal Pradesh 160.38

2 Assam 107.95

3 Manipur 65.77

4 Meghalaya 97.58

5 Mizoram 71.69

6 Nagaland 61.33

7 Sikkim 85.93

8 Tripura 35.10

9 Others 62.54

Total 748.27
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In addition,52 non-exempted Central Ministries also earmark 10% of their gross budgetary support (GBS) for the North Eastern Region (NER). The Ministry of DoNER monitors utilisation of expenditure by the non-exempted Ministries / Departments against lumpsump provision for the NER. However, it does not monitor State-wise utilisation. The year wise allocation/expenditure under earmarked funds for NER during 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and current year 2011-12 is summarised in the table below:

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(`in crores)
RE Expenditure RE Expenditure RE Expenditure BE
2008-09 2008-09 2009-10 2009-10 2010-11 2010-11 2011-12
14847.36 12733.74 16229.46 14692.68 21772.22 19779.06 23321.78
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The main reasons that result in delayed full utilisation of released funds to NER in a particular year are shorter working season, inclement weather, shortage of professionals, geographical disadvantages etc.

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(d) Yes, Sir.
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(e) Statutory audit of the Schemes by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) is being conducted yearly. C& AG have also conducted Performance Audit of the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources Scheme. In addition to the statutory audit, internal audit by the Departmental Accounting Authorities is also being conducted on regular basis.