

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1298
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FUNDS TO BODOLAND TERRITORIAL COUNCIL
Bwiswmuthiary Shri Sansuma Khunggur

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide adequate fund on regular basis to the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) for taking up developmental activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken / proposes to take a policy decision to help augment overall development of the Areas withing the jurisdiction of the BTC?

Answer

MINISTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION(SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

- (a) Since the inception of Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), the funds are released on regular basis to the State of Assam which includes the BTC Areas for taking up developmental activities. Besides, as per the Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) signed between Govt. of India and Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT) in the year 2003, the Government of India had agreed to provide financial assistance of Rs. 100 crores per annum for 5 years for projects to develop the socio – economic infrastructure in BTC areas over and above the normal plan assistance to the State of Assam.
- (b) The Ministry has so far approved 42 projects with approved / indicative cost of Rs. 476.26 crore under the financial assistance of Rs. 100 crores per annum for 5 years from the year 2004 – 05 as per the MoS.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The Prime Minister has announced additional assistance of Rs. 250.00 crore for the integrated development of BTC Area in August 2008.