

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

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

- (a) the funds earmarked for the North Eastern Council (NEC) during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether NEC considers Inter-State Road Projects only;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether NEC proposes to undertake inter-district connectivity of roads in Arunachal Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER, MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION(SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

- (a) The Planning Commission has approved an allocation of Rs.7394 crores for the North Eastern Council for the Eleventh Five Year Plan.
- (b)& (c) The Clause 4 (a) (2) of the North Eastern Council Act, as amended in 2002, provides that while formulating the regional plans for the North Eastern area, the Council shall give priority to schemes and projects which will benefit two or more States, except in case of Sikkim where the Council can formulate State specific projects. In a meeting chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister in October, 2006 it was decided that the NEC should concern itself only with the inter-state projects with wide ranging impact. In view of this, only the projects, including the road projects, with inter-state implications are considered by the NEC.
- (d)& (e) Based on the proposals received from the North Eastern States, the North Eastern Council has identified 56 roads, proposed to be taken up during Eleventh Five Year Plan which also includes 8 roads in Arunachal Pradesh having inter-state/inter-district connectivity. The Planning Commission has accorded, in principle, approval for taking up 16 roads during Eleventh Five Year Plan which include two inter-state road projects of Arunachal Pradesh. The roads of Arunachal Pradesh which have been approved are Longding-Nokjan road via Chatting Village and Tamin-Dolungmukh road.