

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

- (a) whether the Government had sanctioned a package for the overall growth and development of the North Eastern Region (NER);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action plan prepared for the implementation of projects for the development of the NER during the 11th and 12th Five Year Plan period;
- (d) the funds allocated and spent so far on each project, State-wise;
- (e) the achievements made so far in this regard; and
- (f) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to speed up the projects in the region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR)

(a)to(c) Government of India has sanctioned, funded and implemented various schemes/ projects in transport, road & bridges, power, agriculture, education, health sectors etc. from time to time in North Eastern Region (NER). The primary objective of development plans for NER has been faster, sustainable and more inclusive growth for balanced development. Special needs of NER and requirement for significant levels of investment is well recognized and Government is focusing on development of physical and social infrastructure to ensure holistic development of North-Eastern Region. During 11th Five Year Plan period flow of fund from Government of India to NER was Rs 1.84 lakh crores.

(d)&(e) Details of flow of Plan Funds to NER during 11th Plan Period is given below.

(Rs. in Crores)

Source of funding	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	Total
From Planning Commission (State Sector approved outlays of North Eastern States including Special Plan Assistance/ Additional Central Assistance)						
From Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources Scheme & North Eastern Council Scheme)						
Other Central Ministries / Departments						
Total	25407.83	30859.87	35253.73	44282.22	48218.55	184022.20

State wise details of approved outlays / actual expenditure of North Eastern States are given in Annexure. These investments made in NER during 11th Plan have improved physical and social infrastructure in NER.

(f) Government has taken various measures to bridge development gaps and ensure overall growth of these States through following policy decisions :-

(i) Fifty-three non-exempted Central Ministries earmark 10% of their Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for NER. Unspent balance of 10% GBS accrues in Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), which is utilized for various developmental projects in NER.

(ii) Ministry of DoNER sanctions infrastructure projects for North Eastern States out of NLCPR as per priority of State Governments and keeping in mind backwardness quotient of the State.

(iii) Per Capita Central Assistance for North Eastern States is more than four times than that for other States.

(iv) North Eastern States are categorized as Special Category States and are provided assistance in more liberal terms in Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes and funding of these Schemes in NER is in ratio of 90:10 between Centre and State.

(v) Development packages such as Bodoland Package, Special Economic Package for Karbi Anglong Autonomous Territorial Council, Dima Hasao Autonomous Territorial Council etc. have been announced by Union Government of India to address special needs of backward areas within NER.

(vi) Special programmes in specific sectors, such as Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East and North East Region Rail Development Fund for National Projects in North Eastern Region have been taken up for implementation.

(vii) Special needs of NER and requirement for significant levels of investment are well recognized and accordingly efforts have been made to address problems in critical areas of development with special programmes and funding arrangements. The Central Government is also supplementing development efforts of NER by providing Special Central Assistance (SCA) and Special Plan Assistance (SPA) under the State plan.

(viii) Critical areas have been identified for intervention in 12th Plan to bridge gap in infrastructure and social sectors including road, rail, air, power, agriculture / horticulture, health and education sector etc.