

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has provided Rs.500 crore to the Bodoland Territorial Area Districts (BTADs) for development of socio-economic infrastructure in Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) areas;
- (b) if so, the details and the status thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide Central funds directly to the BTC administration without channeling the funds through the State Government of Assam in order to speed up the pace of development works; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken so far, in this regard?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR)

(a) and (b) As per Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) signed in 2003, Government of India had agreed to provide financial assistance of Rs. 100 crore per annum for 5 years (Rs. 500 crore) to develop Socio- Economic infrastructure in Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) areas over and above normal Plan assistance to Government of Assam. Accordingly, 42 projects at approved cost of Rs. 476.27 crore have been sanctioned and Rs. 453.84 crore released against which Utilization Certificates for Rs. 398.07 crore received. 31 Projects, out of 42 sanctioned, at approved cost of Rs. 315.98 crore have been completed under this Package.

From Additional BTC Package of Rs. 250 crore announced in August 2008, 17 projects at approved cost of Rs. 209.18 crore have been sanctioned and Rs. 97.48 crore released against which Government of Assam submitted Utilization Certificates for Rs. 8.16 crore.

(c) and (d) Funds under NLCPR scheme and BTC Package are provided to Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) administration, through Government of Assam.