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SOCIO ECONOMIC SCHEMES FOR NER
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes for overall socio-economic development of North Eastern Region including Assam, sector-wise; and
- (b) the estimated amount of funds required to implement these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) & (b) There has been a continued focus for overall socio-economic development of the North- Eastern Region (NER), including Assam, as reflected in the various policy initiatives and development programmes/schemes of the Central Government and the State Governments. Substantial financial support is provided as Central Assistance (CA) under the State Plans. Funds are available under the scheme of North Eastern Council (NEC) for interstate and regional projects.

It is mandatory to earmark at least 10% of the plan budget of the Central Ministries for taking up programmes/schemes in the NER. Funds are also available under the scheme of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) for taking up priority projects of the States. NLCPR has been created out of the unspent balance of 10% earmarked fund for NER.

A Statement indicating the allocations under the States Plans, NEC and NLCPR for taking up development schemes/projects during 2010-11 to 2012-13 is at Annexure.

Central government is implementing major infrastructure projects in the NER (road, rail, power, airport etc.) under dedicated programmes for expeditious development of the region. Some of the major projects under implementation are like, National Highways Development Project (Connecting Silchar), Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for NE (SARDP-NE), Trans Arunachal Highway, Railway Gauge Conversion and Line expansion programmes, Major hydro and thermal power projects, Airport development programme, etc. These projects are at various stages of implementation, details of which are available with the respective ministries.