

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6819
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2013
GRANTS LOANS SANCTIONED TO NE STATES
Rao Shri Kavuri Samba Siva

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the grants, loans and other financial assistance sanctioned during the last five years for different projects in North Eastern States including Manipur, project-wise;
- (b) the amount spent so far and the outstanding as on date in each State;
- (c) the increase in costs, if any, from the initial estimate of the project and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the names of the agencies executing the projects;
- (e) the costs of the projects in comparison to similar projects outside North Eastern Region and between other North Eastern States and Manipur?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Financial Assistance provided to the states, known as Central Assistance to the States (as grant) include Normal Central Assistance(NCA), Additional Central Assistance(ACA) for programmes and projects, Special Plan Assistance(SPA), etc. In addition to this, loans are also part of the States' resources. All these are part of the States' annual plans and are used for the development programmes and projects. Central Assistance to the States and loans/borrowings are the main source for development programmes of the North Eastern States (including Manipur), which are reflected in the Annual Plans approved by the Planning Commission. In addition, every ministry (other than exempted ministries) are to spend at least 10% of their plan budget for the North Eastern Region (NER). North Eastern Council (NEC) and Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) are other windows of funding from the M/o DoNER.

Information on projects sanctioned under various schemes, project costs, their progress (financial and physical) and executing agencies engaged for projects is not compiled centrally. Details are available with the respective States and Ministries.

A Statement indicating the Approved Plan outlays and expenditure during the last five years for the North Eastern States, flow from central ministries, NEC, NLCPR during the 11th Plan is annexed.

(e) : It is a recognised fact that costs of projects vary depending on the location, terrain and connectivity. Project costs in the NER, particularly in the hilly terrain and in the remote locations including Manipur, are higher in comparison to similar projects outside NER.