

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) :**

(a) The amount released to different States for National Highways during last three years is given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) No funds have been surrendered by any of the States during these years.

(c) An Amount of Rs. 28.45 crore has been demanded by the Assam Government for the current year.

(d) The works on NH. 36 between Doboka and Dimapur are likely to be completed by March, 1999.

*Statement*

*Funds Released for National Highways*

(Rs. in lakhs)

No.	State/U.Ts	1995-96 Allotment	1996-97 Allotment	1997-98 Allotment
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2100.00	2100.00	2949.83
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.	Assam	1650.00	1212.00	1821.00
4.	Bihar	1600.00	1400.00	1900.00
5.	Chandigarh	25.00	24.00	30.00
6.	Delhi	400.00	400.00	800.00
7.	Goa	500.00	700.00	900.00
8.	Gujarat	3398.00	2933.00	3675.00
9.	Haryana	1000.00	800.00	1100.00
10.	Himachal Pradesh	1600.00	1200.00	1700.00
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	50.00	100.00	150.00
12.	Karnataka	1400.00	1900.00	2900.00
13.	Kerala	2100.00	2500.00	3600.00
14.	Madhya Pradesh	2000.00	1000.00	1700.00
15.	Maharashtra	2859.00	1900.00	2900.00
16.	Manipur	500.00	360.00	700.00
17.	Meghalaya	600.00	900.00	920.00
18.	Nagaland	50.00	10.00	100.00
19.	Orissa	1300.00	1750.00	2600.00
20.	Pondicherry	50.00	10.00	70.00
21.	Punjab	1000.00	1200.00	1300.00
22.	Rajasthan	2400.00	1850.00	2550.00
23.	Tamil Nadu	1000.00	1905.00	2500.00
24.	Uttar Pradesh	3400.00	3000.00	4608.00
25.	West Bengal	2200.00	3573.00	5375.00
		33182.00	32767.00	46848.00

**Demand and Supply of Power in N.E. States**

651. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the gap between demand and supply of power in the N.E. States continues to exist;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken so far to bridge this gap; and

(d) the extent to which these steps improved the power situation in these States?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b) State-wise power supply position in the North-Eastern States during 1997-98 is given below:

(Figures in MU net)

Name of the State	Require-ment	Availa-bility	Shortage	%
Arunachal Pradesh	144.30	115.30	29.00	20.1
Assam	2987.30	2727.50	259.80	8.7
Manipur	511.60	404.70	106.90	20.9
Meghalaya	413.00	425.80	(+) 12.80	(+) 3.10
Mizoram	214.90	153.20	61.70	28.70
Nagaland	213.90	159.50	54.40	25.40
Tripura	511.30	439.00	72.32	14.10
Total (N.E.R.)	4996.30	4425.00	571.30	11.40

(c) Various measures taken to improve the availability of power in North-Eastern States include— (i) coordinated and optimal utilisation of existing generating capacity; (ii) promotion of bilateral exchange between surplus States and deficit States of the region; (iii) allocation of 100 MW power to Assam from the unallocated output of NTPC stations located in the neighbouring Eastern region. Three units of 21 MW each have been commissioned at Agartala Gas Power Station of NEEPCO which helped in reducing the gap between demand and supply.

Besides above, the various executing agencies are taking necessary steps for expeditious completion of ongoing generation and transmission/distribution projects of State and Central Sector.

(d) The above steps have resulted in reducing the overall energy shortage for the North-Eastern Region as a whole from 12.6% during 1996-97 to 11.4% during 1997-98.