

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No.†195

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QUESTION
Funds Allocation to North Eastern States

†195. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

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

- (a) the funds allocated to the North-Eastern States including Assam during the period from 2004 to 2014 and after 2014 so far;
- (b) whether the allocated funds have been utilised by these States within the stipulated time frame;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure the proper utilisation of allocated funds within the prescribed time-limit?

ANSWER

The Minister of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

[Shri G. Kishan Reddy]

- (a) to (e) To ensure a quantum jump in resource flows to the North Eastern Region and to fill the backlog and gaps in basic minimum services and infrastructure, Central Ministries and Departments, unless specifically exempted, set apart 10% of their Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for Central Sector (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) for the North Eastern Region (NER). As per information available in the Budget documents, for the period 2014-15 to 2020-21, Actual Expenditure in North Eastern

Region by non-exempted Central Government Ministries and Departments was Rs. 2,65,766.67 crore. The details of the Budget Estimate (BE), Revised Estimate (RE), and Actual Expenditure during 2014-15 to 2021-22 under 10% GBS for NER are given in the table below.

Table 1: BE, RE and Actual Expenditure under 10% GBS				
(Rs. in crore))				
Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Actual Expenditure	Actual Expenditure as % of RE
2014-15	36,107.56	27,359.17	24,819.18	90.72
2015-16	29,087.93	29,669.22	28,673.73	96.64
2016-17	29,124.79	32,180.08	29,367.9	91.26
2017-18	43,244.64	40,971.69	39,753.44	97.03
2018-19	47,994.88	47,087.95	46,054.80	97.81
2019-20	59,369.90	53,374.19	48,533.80	90.93
2020-21	60,112.11	51,270.90	48,563.82	94.72
2021-22	68,020.24	-	25,737.07*	37.84
Total**	3,05,041.81	2,81,913.20	2,65,766.67	-

Source: Statement 11/23 of Union Budget, various years

Note: Actual Expenditure figures are provisional and subject to vetting by Ministry of Finance.

*up to 30.9.2021, as reported by 53 out of 54 Non-exempted Ministries/Departments

** Till 2020-21

The above table shows that there is a gap between Actual Expenditure and funds available at BE and RE stage. The steps being taken to ensure proper utilisation of allocated funds within the prescribed time-limit include quarterly review meetings at the level of Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region(MDoNER) with 54 non-exempted Ministries and Departments, Inter-Ministerial meetings to review progress from time to time, review meetings by Ministries and Departments themselves, payment through Public Financial Management System(PFMS), etc.
