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QUESTION

Increase in share of Central funds for NER

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

- (a) whether North Eastern Region (NER) has demanded for increase in share of central funds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether extra assistance has been given for development of the region?

ANSWER

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Dr. Jitendra Singh]

(a) and (b) Non-exempt Central Ministries mandatorily earmark 10% of the annual total outlay for North Eastern Region. Central funds to NER States are given in the form of Central share in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme and tax devolution as recommended by the Finance Commission. Following the implementation of the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission, the devolution to States has been increased from 32% to 42%, thereby increasing resource availability with the States vis-à-vis the Centre. In addition to this, Central Government implements Central Sector Schemes in all the States including NER through the Administrative Ministries. Under the restructured Centrally Sponsored Schemes, 90% of expenditure is borne by Centre, and remaining 10% by States. The level of flexi fund available in each CSS has been raised from 10% to 20% for states after revising the funding pattern of CSS. This was done to enable the States to satisfy the local specific needs and undertake innovations.

(c) The trend of budgetary allocation to Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) in the last few years reflects an increase of 51% allocation in BE 2018-19 compared against actual of 2015-16. Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region allocated Rs.1986.80 crore (Actual), Rs.2495.84 crore (Actual), Rs.2682.45 crore (RE) and Rs.3000.00 crore (BE) for the years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively. The trend of allocation to North Eastern Region amongst the various Ministries and Departments (including both Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes) in the last few years has shown an increase of 65% in allocation of BE 2018-19 as compared against BE 2015-16. Non-Exempt Union Ministries made budgetary allocation of Rs.29669.22 crore (RE), Rs.32180.08 crore (RE), Rs. 40971.69 crore (RE) and Rs.47994.88 crore (BE) for 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively.
