

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No 1948

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QUESTION
Central projects for North Eastern States

1948. Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:

Will the Minister of Development of North Eastern Region be pleased to State:

- (a) the status of non-lapsable pool of resources for funding Central sector projects and assistance to North-Eastern States during the last five years;
- (b) whether Government has continued the provision of earmarking ten percent of budgetary allocation to North East as Special Category States;
- (c) if so, the details of such allocation made and actually released to North Eastern States during the last five years; and
- (d) the details of special incentives and assistance granted to North Eastern States to bring this area at par with developed States of the country?

ANSWER

The Minister of the State of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Dr. Sukanta Majumdar]

- (a) The Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance has informed that the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) is a notional fund and is not maintained in Public Account. However, in the North Eastern States under various schemes of 55 non exempted Ministries/Departments during the last 10 years i.e. during 2014-15 to 2023-24 a total expenditure of Rs 5.22 lakh crore has been made against a total allocation of Rs 5.15 lakh crore.

(b)& (c) Yes, 55 non-exempted Ministries/Departments has continued earmarking of at least 10% of their budgetary support to North Eastern States. The expenditure of 10 per cent of Gross Budgetary Support of Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes for North Eastern Region is monitored by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. The details of allocation and expenditure during the last five years is tabulated below:

Budget Estimate (BE), Revised Estimate (RE) and Actual Expenditure under 10% GBS from 2019-20 to 2023-24(Rs. in crore)

Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Actual Expenditure
2019-20	59,370	53,374	48,534
2020-21	60,112	51,271	48,564
2021-22	68,020	68,440	70,874
2022-23	76,040	72,540	82,691
2023-24	94,680	91,802	1,02,749

Source: Statement 11 of Union Budget, various years

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

(d) The Government of India provides substantial resources to State Governments including North Eastern States in the form of Finance Commission Recommended Grants, Central Sector Schemes, Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Special Assistance (Grant) Schemes for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment, additional borrowing permission etc.
