

Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

**LOK SABHA**  
Unstarred Question No.207

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**QUESTION**

**Allocation of Funds for NER Development**

207. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

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

- the details of funds allocated for the development of Northern Eastern Region (NER) during the last three years and the current year;
- the funds actually spent during these years;
- the major items of works for which expenditure has been incurred; and
- the outcome of this expenditure?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b) All non-exempt Union Ministries are required to mandatorily earmark 10% of their Gross Budgetary Allocation annually for the North Eastern Region (NER). As per available information, the earmarking of funds for NER and provisional expenditure for the last three years and current year is as under:

Financial year	Total earmarked funds at RE stage (Rs. in crore)	Expenditure of earmarked funds (Rs. in crore)
2015-16	29669.22	31291.81*
2016-17	31738.58	Expenditure data under finalization
2017-18	40971.69	
2018-19	47994.88 (BE)	

*\* expenditure figures are provisional and subject to final vetting by Ministry of Finance and expenditure exclusive of Ministry of Railways outlay in NE Region.*

The Budgetary allocation to Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and the funds utilised during the last three years and current year is given below:-

(Rs. in crore)

	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Budget Estimates	2362.74	2430.01	2682.45	3000.00
Expenditure	1986.79	2495.84	2513.97	320.75 (upto 12.07.2018)

(c) Major expenditure was incurred by different Ministries in social sectors such as education, health, women & child development, rural development, etc. and in infrastructure sectors such as roads, power, etc. in North Eastern Region in these years. Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region has taken up projects under the schemes of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), North Eastern Council (NEC), North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS), North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), Special Packages for funding identified infrastructure and development projects of the Bodoland Territorial Council, Karbi Anglong Territorial Council and Dima Hasao Territorial Council and the externally aided North Eastern Region Livelihood Project (NERLP) for filling gaps in physical infrastructure in the North Eastern Region, particularly in roads, power & water and in social sectors like livelihood, health, education etc.

(d) The schemes will lead to better connectivity within the country as well as with neighbouring countries, improved tourist arrivals, sustainable livelihoods, improved power availability, improved access to education and health services, etc. in the North Eastern States.

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