

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

LOK SABHA
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Question
Special Funds for NER

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SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

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

- (a) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Government to create a special fund for the Ministry created for North Eastern States apart from the budgetary provision for all the Ministries; and
- (b) if so, the details of the funds allocated to the North Eastern States including Assam since the year 2014?

ANSWER

**The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of
North Eastern Region**

[Dr. Jitendra Singh]

(a) & (b) As per the extant guidelines, all non-exempted Central Ministries/Departments, are mandated to spend atleast 10% of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) of Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes in North Eastern Region (NER). However, no State wise allocations are made and funds are released to the States based on requirements against sanctioned projects/schemes. Unutilized funds under 10% GBS during the financial year gets transferred to Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), which is maintained on proforma

basis by Ministry of Finance. The details of funds allocated under 10% GBS since 2014-15 to 2020-21 are as given below:

Budget Estimate, Revised Estimate allocations under 10% GBS since 2014-15 to 2021-22 as per Statement 23/11, Union Budget		
(Figures: Rs. in Crores)		
Year	Budget Estimate*	Revised Estimate*
2014-15	36,107.56	27,359.17
2015-16	29,087.93	29,669.22
2016-17	29,124.79	32,180.08
2017-18	43,244.64	40,971.69
2018-19	47,994.88	47,087.95
2019-20	59,369.90	53,374.19
2020-21	60,112.11	51,270.90**
2021-22	68,020.24	-

*Note: (includes provisions for Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region under Major Head (MH) 2552 and 4552).

In addition, Ministry of Railways, exempted Ministries/Departments and other Organizations also make substantial expenditures in NER and Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region is given budgetary allocations for implementing various schemes/special packages by the Ministry/North Eastern Council, the details of which are given below:

Budget Estimate, Revised Estimate allocations of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region since 2014-15 to 2021-22		
(Figures: Rs. in Crores)		
Year	Budget Estimate*	Revised Estimate*
2014-15	2332.78	1825.45
2015-16	2362.74	2000.14
2016-17	2430.01	2524.42
2017-18	2682.45	2682.45
2018-19	3000.00	2629.48
2019-20	3000.00	2670.00
2020-21	3048.73	1860.00**
2021-22	2658.00	-

*Note: (includes provisions in Statement 11 of Union Budget) under Major Head (MH) 2552 and 4552).

** As per Union Budget 2021-22 presented before the Parliament on 01.02.2021.

Apart from the above, Social and Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF) was created in 2008-09 for North Eastern Region (NER), especially for Arunachal Pradesh and other border areas facing special problems that cannot be tackled through normal schemes. SIDF is a one-time package that covers projects, prioritized by the State Governments as per their requirement, which, inter alia, include construction of new roads and bridges, re-establishment of new sub-stations/transmission lines, construction/upgradation of hospitals, establishment of schools, water supply projects etc.
