

Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.\*168**

To be answered on  
*Monday, March 14, 2022/Phalguna 23, 1943 (Saka)*

**QUESTION**  
**Development of Assam**

\*168. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

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

- (a) whether Assam is one of the most backward States in the country which is suffering from slow economic growth for various reasons including limited transport system, lack of infrastructure, lack of income resources and also due to poor climate;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government for reduction of backwardness of Assam during the last three years; and
- (c) the funds sanctioned/utilised for the Centrally sponsored schemes for development of Assam during the last three years and the current year, Scheme/year-wise?

**ANSWER**

**The Minister of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**  
**[Shri G. Kishan Reddy]**

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*168 for answer on 14.03.2022**

**(a) to (c)** Government of India has been giving a special thrust to development of North Eastern Region (NER), including State of Assam. As per the NITI Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) India Index, which measures the development status of States and UTs of India in social, economic and environmental sectors, the composite score of Assam which was 49 in the year 2018-19 has improved to 55 in 2019-20 and further to 57 in 2020-21.

Government of India is also implementing various flagship and other schemes for the development of the States including Assam through the respective administrative Ministries/Departments within the approved financial outlays as per scheme design. The data on funds sanctioned/utilized for the Centrally Sponsored Schemes by States & UTs is not maintained in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. However, as per extant policy, each non-exempted Central Ministries/ Departments is mandated to spend at least 10% of its Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) to Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored schemes for NER. The actual expenditure in NER including Assam, under 10% GBS by non-exempted Ministries/ Departments is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount (Rs. Crore)</b>
2018-19	46054.80
2019-20	48533.80
2020-21	48563.82
2021-22 (upto 31.12.2021)	38455.57

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