

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of Central Assistance provided under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund to the North Eastern Region and Sikkim during the last three years, State-wise and Project-wise;
- (b) whether there is a low level of disbursement of such funds;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor ; and
- (d) the details of the projects proposed to be taken up during the current year, State- wise and Project-wise?

Answer

MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

- (a): A Statement showing quantum of assistance provided under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to the North Eastern Region and Sikkim during the last three years, State-wise and Project-wise is Annexed.
- (b) & (c): The reasons for low disbursement are due to delay in land acquisition, deviation from approved designs, delay in procurement of steel and cement, insufficient coordination among the implementing agencies, delay in tendering process and in awarding of contracts.
- (d): There has not been any project proposal from any of the North Eastern States upto June, 2000 during the VI th Phase of RIDF.