

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA**

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECT IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

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

- (a) the funds allocated/released for Community Resource Management Project for the Upland Areas under NEC Plan during the Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise;
- (b) the performance of the project in the North-East indicating both physical and financial achievements, year-wise/district-wise;
- (c) whether the project is having an impact on the economic livelihood of the people; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

- (a): An amount of Rupees 297.19 lacs, Rs.340.32 lacs and Rs.928.58 lacs has been released as on 31.12.2001 during the 9th Plan of NEC to the States of Assam, Manipur & Meghalaya respectively.
- (b): Major physical achievements include formation of 808 Self Help Groups (SHG) and formation of Natural Resources Management Groups in 328 villages. District wise physical and financial achievements are given at Annexure-I.
- (c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The details are as follows:-
 - (i) The SHGs have been able to address the issues of micro-credit needs locally. It has also been instrumental in empowerment of women. For example, in Ukhrul district, where only one bank operates and where the habit of thrift and saving is almost nil, the Women's Self Help Groups facilitated by the Project has saved more than Rs.22 lakhs till date.
 - (ii) Natural Resources Management Groups have come up with a Perspective Plan for the next 30 years. Based on the Perspective Plan, Annual Action Plans are being prepared.
 - (iii) The project has also created awareness on a follow-up approach that people themselves can be instrumental in addressing issues that directly affect their lives such as health, micro-credit, nutrition, sanitation, education etc.

Thus the project has been able to improve the livelihood of the people through improved management of their resource base in a way that contributes to protecting & restoring the environment.

Annexure-I

A. Physical achievements under the Project

State	District	Number of Self Help Groups (upto Dec,2001 by Natural Resource Management Groups (upto December, 2001)	Number of villages covered
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Meghalaya	West Khasi Hills	65	59
	West Garo Hills	98	60
Assam	North Chachar Hills	70	60
	Karbi Anglong	99	60
Manipur	Ukhrul	405	33
	Senapati	71	56

B. Financial Achievements under the Project

District Funds Utilization upto 31.12.2001 (Rs. in lakhs)

1998-99 99-2000 2000-01 2001-02 Total

Karbi	1.21	28.45	49.22	78.59	167.47
North Cachar Hills	1.21	20.02	60.28	58.21	139.72
Senapati	1.21	16.02	33.97	80.55	131.75
Ukhrul	1.21	28.23	76.87	102.26	208.57
West Garo Hills	1.21	23.52	47.30	90.18	162.21
West Khasi Hills	1.21	18.36	58.17	51.13	128.87

Total	7.26	134.60	325.81	460.94	938.59
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