

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

- (a) whether under development is the root cause of origin and expansion of militancy in the North-Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details of funds allocated during each of the last three years for the over-all development of North-Eastern Region, State-wise;
- (c) the details of funds utilized and lapsed during the said period; State-wise, scheme-wise; and
- (d) the reasons for under-utilization of funds?

Answer

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

- (a): Less than desired levels of development may be one of the factors contributing towards spread of militancy in North Eastern Region.
- (b): Details of the funds allocated to the North Eastern States during the last three financial years under Additional Central Assistance are given at Annexure-I. Details of Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources are given at Annexure-II. Releases from North Eastern Council are at Annexure-III.
- (c): The question of lapse of funds does not arise. Plan funds are transferred to the States from the Government of India as Central Assistance to State Plans. Similarly, initial instalments of funds are released under Central Pool of Resources and North Eastern Council Schemes after examination of proposals/detailed Project reports. Subsequent instalments are released only after receipt and due scrutiny of the utilization certificate furnished by State Government/implementing Agency.
- (d): Major reasons for under utilization of funds are :-
- i) Poor financial condition of the States.
 - ii) Utilization of Plan funds for administrative expenditure by States.
 - iii) Inadequate capacity to execute projects.

ANNEXURE-I

ADDITIONAL CENTRAL ASSISTANCE APPROVED FOR THE ANNUAL PLANS OF NORTH EASTERN STATES DURING LAST THREE FINANCIAL YEARS

Rs. in crores

States 1998-99 1999-2000 2000-2001

Arunachal Pradesh	534.82	574.17	609.50
Assam	1443.13	1816.11	1586.56
Manipur	156.27	506.08	565.86
Meghalaya	376.31	421.77	393.61
Mizoram	335.56	384.67	401.26
Nagaland	347.40	394.76	424.59
Sikkim	251.52	329.92	263.51
Tripura	598.75	656.12	533.70

Annexure-II

State wise/year-wise release of funds from the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources.

(Rs. in crores)

State	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Arunachal Pradesh	15.00	19.65	43.96
Assam	28.81	105.86	69.31
Manipur	20.34	121.67	23.85
Meghalaya	8.79	3.00	32.63
Mizoram	9.00	62.15	27.06
Nagaland	20.01	44.08	15.91
Sikkim	10.00	32.01	23.78
Tripura	10.00	22.50	67.08
Common to North Eastern States and Sikkim	9.00	9.46	
Total	121.95	419.92	313.04

ANNEXURE -III

Details of Funds allocated by the North Eastern Council during the last three financial years to the North Eastern States

Rs. in lakhs

States	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001			
	Funds alloc.	Funds releas.	Funds alloc.	Funds releas.	Funds alloc.	Funds releas.
Arunachal Pradesh	1692.00	1087.40	1308.00	1449.50	1447.95	1401.90
Assam	1641.00	1689.90	2264.00	2109.76	3354.91	3401.91
Manipur	280.00	247.67	233.65	152.72	506.16	490.01
Meghalaya	612.50	555.66	683.00	625.34	1095.30	1088.85
Mizoram	1370.67	1161.27	1174.00	1375.97	847.78	871.53
Nagaland	635.00	299.20	690.00	1022.70	1503.30	1492.30
Tripura	756.33	841.28	840.00	1020.70	2014.99	2014.30