

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1758  
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EXPORT DEVELOPMENT FUND  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Export Development Fund is placed with APEDA for export promotion activities in the North Eastern Region and Sikkim;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the APEDA in disbursing the funds in the North Eastern Region and Sikkim and the amount sanctioned for various kinds of export promotion activities in the last three years in the region as well as the list of beneficiaries making use of this fund; and
- (c) the detailed guidelines for project proposals under Export Development Fund?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

a): Yes. Sir.

b): APEDA disburses funds to projects approved by the Empowered Committee. Funds disbursed in the last three years are as below:-

Figures in Lakhs

2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
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38.14	252.45	659.048
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Projects are approved for facilitation of exports from North Eastern Region and Sikkim and benefits of the same are shared by the exporting community in particular and the entrepreneurs of North Eastern Region and Sikkim in general.

c): The objective of the Export Development Fund is to assist specific projects having direct linkage with the exports from the region. Guidelines for the Fund are available on the website of the Ministry of Commerce (<http://commerce.nic.in>)