

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7064
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ALLOCATION FOR NORTH EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued instructions/directions to all the Ministries/Departments to allocate 10% of their Budgets to the North-Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry of Railways has allocated 10% of its budget to the North-Eastern Region; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): As per the extant instructions, Ministry of Railways allots 10% of the available Budgetary Support, which is derived after setting aside the amounts specifically provided as contribution from General Exchequer for Special Railway Safety Fund, for identified National Projects, for Externally Aided Projects, Railway's share out of diesel cess, etc.

In 2005-06, the outlay to Northeast Region out of the budgetary support available for general distribution works out to about 8.75%. Further, additional funds have been sought for the projects of Kumarghat- Agartala New Line and Lumding-Silchar-Jiribam Gauge Conversion, which have recently been declared as National Projects.