

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2804
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ENHANCING FUND FOR NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an amount of Rs.450 crores yearly are being released to the North Eastern Council, instead of Rs.700 crores, out of the Rs.3500/- crores sanctioned for the council during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the balance amount is likely to be released;
- (c) whether there is any proposal for enhancing of the NEC fund after the inclusion of Sikkim State in the NEC;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): A statement indicating the Tenth Plan outlay, outlay and expenditure during 2002-03 to 2005-06 and outlay for 2006-07 is given below:

	Rs. in Crore									
Plan Tenth Plan Schemes outlay	Plan Outlay	Plan Exp.	Outlay Exp.	Outlay Exp.	Outlay Exp.	Outlay Exp.(p)	Outlay			
	2002-03	2002-03	2003-04	2003-04	2004-05	2004-05	2005-06	2005-06	2006-07	
NEC	3500.00	450.00	441.45	500.00	499.86	500.00	498.72	500.00#	461.50	600.0\$

Provision of Rs. 461.50 crore made in the budget for grant component (p) Provisional

\$ The amount is provided in the budget as grant

(b) to (e): While outlay fixed for 10th Five Year Plan of NEC is notional, the actual allocation depend on the total availability of Central Assistance to the States under Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for each year. Allocation to NEC also depends on the provision of Central Assistance made to the states of NER in the Annual Plans and also investments made in the NER by different Ministries in each year. Inclusion of Sikkim in the NEC has been taken into account while making allocations to the NEC. There are no unallocated resources available with the Planning Commission for allocation to NEC during 10th Five Year Plan.