

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

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

- (a) the percentage of poverty in the North-Eastern States as compared to the national average;
- (b) the details of projects undertaken by the Government for the development of North-Eastern Region during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the economic and physical targets set for implementation of these projects and the progress made so far;
- (d) whether the Union Government proposes to declare a special package for the economic development of North-Eastern States;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore; and
- (f) the measures taken or contemplated for upliftment of the people of North-Eastern states?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a): As per the information from the Planning Commission, the percentage of the population below poverty line in the North-Eastern States as compared to the national average in 1999-2000 was as under:

Table 1

Arunachal Pradesh   Assam   Manipur   Meghalaya   Mizoram   Nagaland   Sikkim   Tripura   All India

33.47   36.09   28.54   33.87   19.47   32.67   36.55   34.44   26.10

(b) & (c): The Ministry for the Development of the North-East Region sanctions infrastructure development projects under the schemes of Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) and North Eastern Council (NEC). The details of the projects during the last three years under these two schemes are available on the Ministry's websites: [www.mdoner.gov.in](http://www.mdoner.gov.in) and [www.mdoner.gov.in/index3.asp?ssid=148](http://www.mdoner.gov.in/index3.asp?ssid=148) respectively.

(d) & (e): A number of Socio-Economic Packages have been announced from time to time for the North Eastern States. The details are as under:

S.No.   Month & Year of Announcement   States Covered

1   October, 1996   All NE States  
2   May, 1997   Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram,  
Nagaland and Tripura.  
3   April, 1998   All NE States  
4   January, 2000   All NE States  
5   April, 2003   Sikkim  
6   October, 2003   Nagaland  
7   November, 2004   Assam & Manipur  
8   October, 2005   Tripura  
9   January, 2006   Assam

(f): In order to accelerate the economic development of the North Eastern States, all the Central Ministries/Departments, except those which are specifically exempted, are required to earmark 10 per cent of their Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for the NE States since 1998-99. The unspent amount out of this provisioning accrues to the NLCPR, which is administered by the Ministry for DONER for supporting infrastructure development projects in the Region.

