

**Amount earmarked for North Eastern States**

†3840. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has directed all the Ministries/Departments to keep aside a specific amount out of their budgetary allocations to ensure the development to North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of procedure adopted for verification of expenditure of that amount; and

(d) the manner in which Government ensures that the amount earmarked for each North-Eastern State is spent exclusively under the desired head?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) All the Ministries/Departments (except those specifically exempted by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region) are required to spend 10% of their annual Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) from their allocations under various schemes for the benefit of North Eastern Region.

(c) The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region compiles expenditure figures from non-exempted Ministries/Departments on annual basis. The allocation and actual expenditure figures in respect of these Ministries/Departments are forwarded to Ministry of Finance for vetting.

(d) The Ministry-wise lump-sum allocation to the North Eastern Region is made through the Union Budget. While some schemes have State-wise allocation, others are sectoral. Through a system of continuous monitoring, review and follow-up, all attempts are made to ensure that the amount allocated to the State under the NLCP Scheme of this Ministry is spent by the State Government.

**Infrastructural Development in North Eastern States**

†3841. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes formulated by Government for construction of roads, providing medical facilities, education, water and electricity to the people of the North Eastern States which are essential for the development of the region;

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