

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 385**

TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024/MAGHA 17, 1945 (SAKA)

LOAN TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

385 SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments are taking loan from Central Government for implementing development schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of loan taken by the Government of Assam during the last three financial years i.e., 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24; and
- (d) the amount of interest charged against such loan taken by the Government of Assam during the aforesaid financial years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. The Union Government provides loans to the States under various Schemes/Programmes. Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has launched the 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure/Investment' for providing 50-year interest-free Special Assistance (Loan) to the States including the State of Assam for Capital Expenditure. The details of the 'Loans from the Centre' and '50-year interest-free Special Assistance (Loan)' provided to the State Government of Assam during the last three financial years i.e. 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 are provided in the Table below:

(Rs. in crore)							
Sl. No.	Item	2021-22 (Accounts)		2022-23 (RE)		2023-24 (BE)	
		Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
1	Loans from Centre*	757.30	603.30	3111.20	2951.30	4583.70	4416.60
2	Special Assistance (Loan) **	600.00		4300.14		4530.61	

*: RBI Report on State Finances-A Study of Budgets of 2023-24.

** : Actuals as on 01.02.2024.

(d): The interest charged on 'Loans from the Centre' taken by the Government of Assam is as per conditions attached under various Schemes/Programmes of the Government of India. Under the 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure/Investment', 50-year interest-free loan has been provided to the States.
