



ADDRESS

OF

Dr. F.A. KHONGLAM
CHIEF MINISTER, MEGHALAYA

at the

FORTY SIXTH MEETING
OF
THE NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL

held at Shillong
on Friday the 8th February, 2002

His Excellency the Governor of Assam and Chairman, North Eastern Council,

Your Excellencies the Governors of North Eastern States,

My distinguished Colleagues the Chief Ministers of North Eastern States,

Ministers and Officials,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

01. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Shillong.

Today's discussions is of special significance as our

recommendations will form the basis for the Tenth Five Year

Plan at the regional level. The North Eastern Council has

contributed significantly to speed up the development of this

Region. An investment of about Rs.6074.87 Crores has

been proposed for the Tenth Plan. This will be about two

and a half times the Ninth Plan approved outlay.

Considering the escalation in prices and the needs of the

Region, the proposed outlay for the next Plan period needs

to be enhanced, to effectively overcome the enormous

backlog

02. The Council has achieved commendable success in

creating durable assets particularly in the field of power

generation, transport, road communications and human

resources development. Creation of assets alone cannot

