



Speech of

**Dr. D.D. Lapang**  
Chief Minister, Meghalaya

at the

**58<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
of the  
**North Eastern Council**

at

Assam Administrative Staff College  
Khanapara, Guwahati

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*Hon'ble Union Minister, DONER & Chairman, N.E.C  
Shri Bijoy Krishna Handique-Ji, Distinguished Members of the North  
Eastern Council, Officials from the Government of India, N.E.C.,  
State Governments and Friends.*

At the outset, I, on behalf of the people of Meghalaya, would like to wish Shri Bijoy Krishna Handique, Hon'ble Union Minister, DoNER & Chairman of the North Eastern Council and all the distinguished members of this august House, a very happy & prosperous 2010. As the 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the North Eastern Council happens to be the first, since you took over charge of the DoNER Ministry, I wish you Sir, the best and hope that important resolutions would emerge at the close of this meeting.

**2. NEC Budget 2010-11:**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Plan approved outlay of the NEC is Rs.7394.00 crore only (as against the proposed amount of Rs.12,487.54 crore). Such poor allocation during the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan may result in further reductions in the NEC's 12<sup>th</sup> Plan outlay thereby adversely affecting the objectives stated in the NER Vision Document -2020. The approved outlay for the first three years(2007-10) is Rs.1848.00 Crore which is about 25% only. The balance for the next two years i.e., 2010-11 & 2011-12 therefore stands at Rs.5,545.50 Crore. Going by this figure, the annual Plan 2010-11 of NEC should not be less than Rs.2772.75 crore. However, considering the present trend of NEC's Plan allocation, we have no option but to **endorse the NEC's proposed outlay of Rs.1002.01 crore. For 2010-11.**

