

CHAPTER – VI

Non- Lapsable Central Pool of Resources

6.1. The Government of India took keen interest on the development of the North Eastern Region which is evident from the fact that soon after the visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to the Region in October, 1996 the Planning Commission appointed a High Level Commission under the Chairmanship of Shri S.P.Shukla, Member Planning Commission to critically examine the backlog and gaps of development of the Region and to suggest policies, programmes and requirement of funds to bridge the gaps with special reference to infrastructural development and provision of Basic Minimum Services. The High Level Commission submitted their Report to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on the 7th March, 1997. In the mean time, the Government of India took a decision to the effect that the Central Ministries are to utilize 10 percent of their budgetary allocation each year in the N.E. Region. Keeping in view the fact that a good number of Central Ministries are unable to utilize 10 percent of the budgetary resources in the N.E. Region and also by positively taking into consideration the Report of the High Level Commission of the Planning Commission, the Government of India decided to create the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources for the North Eastern States and Sikkim from the year 1998-99. The funds sanctioned to the State Governments from the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources are in addition to the State Plan resources and are accounted for outside the State Plan.

6.2. During the first year of launching of the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources, the State of Meghalaya was allotted with an amount of Rs.3.79 crores for the implementation of the Greater Shillong Water Supply Project which is a critical on-going Project. Subsequently during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, the Planning Commission allotted further amounts of Rs.3.00 crores and Rs.6.50 crores respectively for the Project. The above amounts have since been utilized and the Utilisation Certificates also submitted to the Planning Commission along with a request to allot Rs.12.50 crores for the year 2001-2002 for the interest of smooth progress of works, which is expected to be agreed to.

6.3. Besides the Greater Shillong Water Supply Project, the Planning Commission has also sanctioned funds from the Non-Lapsable Central Pool Of Resources in favour of the State of Meghalaya during 2000-01 for other Projects as indicated below:-

(Rs. in crores)			
Sl. No.	Name of Project	Amount sanctioned during 2000-01	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Construction of Beljek Airport	3.18	Utilisation Certificate will be submitted shortly when received from the State Transport Department.
2.	Primary School Buildings in Meghalaya	7.20	Utilisation Certificate will be submitted to the Planning Commission as soon as the same is received from the State Education Department.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Amount sanctioned during 2000-01	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3.	Upper Primary School Buildings in Meghalaya	4.00	Utilisation Certificate will be submitted to the Planning Commission as soon as the same is received from the State Education Department.
4.	Construction of R.K.Mission School Buildings/Teachers' Qtrs./Students' Home at Cherrapunjee.	1.00	Utilisation Certificate for a major part of the Assistance received have been submitted to the Planning Commission
5.	Improvement of Power Transmission and Distribution at Tura & Shillong	10.00	-Do-
6.	Electrification of 10 tribal villages in Meghalaya	0.75	-Do-
	TOTAL	32.63	

6.4. During the year 2001-02, the Planning Commission has approved funding of 4 (four) important road projects in the State of Meghalaya from the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources as indicated below :-

(Rs. In crores)

Sl. No.	Name of Projects	Estimated Cost	Amount Sanctioned during 2001-02	Remarks
1.	Strengthening of Baghmara-Maheshkhola Road (strengthening of weak pavement from 35 th km to 74 th km)	1.86	0.93	The project is in final stage of issuing Administrative Approval by State Government.
2.	Strengthening including widening of existing pavement into intermediate lane of 4.75 m width of Mawshynrut-Nongdaju-Nongshram Road (0 to 53.50 Km)	7.33	3.66	-do-
3.	Widening & strengthening of hard crust on Mawngap-Mairang Road Sec. I (5 th - 24 th Km.)	4.52	2.26	-do-
4.	Strengthening including providing passing places in portion from 0 to 9 th Km. Of Smit-Mawkynrew-Mawlat Road and portion from 0 to 11.375 th Km. of Laitlyngkot-Laitdiengsai Road.	4.93	2.46	-do-
	Total	18.64	9.31	

6.5. The **Myntdu-Leska (2x24 MW) H.E. Project** with an estimated cost of Rs. 285.36 crores excluding IDC and financing cost has been cleared by the Ministry of Forests and Environment, Govt. of India during September, 2001. The cost of the Project including IDC and FC is Rs. 363.08 crores. It is proposed that the Planning Commission may kindly sanction an amount of Rs. 50.00 crores from the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources to implement the Project during the course of the Tenth Plan.

6.6. The **New Shillong Township Project at Mawdiangdiang** has been estimated at a cost of Rs. 649.00 crores. It is proposed that the Planning Commission may kindly consider financing a substantial part of this Project from the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources during the course of the Tenth Plan.

6.7. Besides the above projects, other projects also as may be identified by the State Government will be submitted to the Planning Commission for consideration of funding from the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources during the Tenth Plan period.