



TWENTY NINTH MEETING  
OF THE  
NORTH-EASTERN COUNCIL

SHILLONG

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ADDRESS

BY

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*Mr. Chairman, Hon'ble Governors, Chief Ministers, Ministers and Friends.*

It is my pleasure to welcome you all once again to Shillong. We are having a meeting of the Council here in Shillong after the lapse of four years.

2. The North Eastern Council has covered about two decades of planning since its inception in 1972 and this 29th meeting is the first meeting to be held at the commencement of the Eighth Plan. I appreciate the significant contribution made by the Council towards the development of this region. It has emerged as a meaningful regional planning authority and as a forum for fruitful discussion on regional issues. The increasing importance of the North Eastern Council in the development of the region is being keenly felt now and the role of the N. E. C. is being discussed in the press and in other forums as well. I take this opportunity to repeat the assurance of our co-operation to achieve co-ordinated and balanced development of the region.

3. The Annual Plan outlay, 1990-91 for the N. E. C. has been fixed at Rs. 202 crores as against the draft plan proposals amounting to Rs. 462.58 crores of which Rs. 415.98 crores was proposed for Spill-over Schemes of the Seventh Plan. The approved outlay for 1989-90 was Rs. 206.05 crores. At this rate the first half of the 8th Five Year Plan of the Council will have to be spent on completion of spill-over schemes. Against this background I doubt if the N. E. C. can take up any sizable number of new schemes for implementation in the current Plan. Thus, the reduction in the Council's Plan for 1990-91 which is the starting year

