



Speech of

Dr. D.D. Lapang
Chief Minister, Meghalaya

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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 58th 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 11th 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 11th Plan may result in further reductions in the NEC's 12th 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.**

