

Development of Inland Water Transport in North Eastern States

A Central Sector Scheme under the Ministry of Shipping is in operation for development of Inland Water Transport (IWT) in the North-Eastern States of India including Sikkim. Under this Scheme, proposals are submitted by the NE States and 100% grant is provided by the Union Government for the projects sanctioned. Other than this, there is no Scheme under which funds are transferred by the Union Government directly to the State Governments for development of IWT sector. Inland Waterways which are declared as the 'National Waterways' are being developed by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), a statutory autonomous body of the Ministry of Shipping subject to feasibility and availability of resources.

The details of funds released to the States of the NE Region under the Central Sector Scheme since 2013-14 are given below :-

(Rs. in crore)

State	Funds released under Central Sector Scheme for development of IWT in NE States			
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Assam	1.2152	1.0666	Nil	Nil
Manipur	Nil	Nil	1.20	Nil
Mizoram	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.1145
Tripura	Nil	Nil	2.00	Nil

This information was given by the Minister of State for Shipping Shri Pon. Radhakrishnan in written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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