

PRESS RELEASE

Our attention has been drawn to the news item published in "The Sentinel" under the caption "Dispur spent only 36.4% of funds allocated" on 6th July, 2015.

In this connection, it is to be clarified that there was no firm figure regarding the total allocation of plan fund for Assam for the year 2014-15. The process of finalization of the size of the States' Annual Plan, after meetings between the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and the Chief Minister of the States, has been discontinued since 2014-15 with constitution of the NITI Aayog which has now replaced the Planning Commission. Though the erstwhile Planning Commission had communicated a Tentative Plan allocation for an amount of Rs. 18000 Crore in the month of September, 2014, five months after the beginning of the financial year, the Government of India actually released only, Rs. 12,414.35 Crore in 2014-15.

It is also worthwhile to mention that out of the total of Rs. 12,414.35 Crore released by the Government of India, around Rs. 3000 Crore was released towards the end of the financial year i.e in the month of February, 2015.

As per the procedure, a report of expenditure for a financial year is to be given to the Government of India in the month of September of the succeeding year. The expenditure incurred by different departments are now being complied. Our reports so far indicate that the percentage of expenditure as a proposition of total allocation will be more than 75%. The percentage of utilization on actual released amount by Government of India (including the State Government's own budgetary support) will be more than 90%.

Thus the statement in the news item referring to an 'Economic Survey' is not based on factual information.



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