

Don't change state category



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Assam on Wednesday has asked the Centre not to change the funding pattern. The state assembly unanimously passed a resolution asking the Centre to retain the special category status and to ensure 100 per cent central share or on the principle of 90 per cent central share and [10](#) per cent state share.

The entire House [found](#) it strange to have seen that the existing funding principle of 90:[10](#) for special category state was not followed by the Centre in respect of five centrally funded schemes where the state share for these schemes had been increased to more than [10](#) per cent.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Rockybul Hussain told the House that these five schemes and the funding pattern were: Command Areas Development (50:50), Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (70: 30), Rajiv [Gandhi Panchayat](#) Sashastrikan Yojana (75: 25), [National](#) Mission on Agriculture Extension and [Technology](#) (75: 25) and Assistance to State for Infrastructure Development for Exports (80: 20).

AGP, AIUDEF, BPF supported the resolution while BJP insisted on inserting a line in the resolution that the State Government shall ensure proper utilisation fund received from the Centre.

Then Speaker Pranab Kumar Gogoi ruled that the issue of fund utilisation need not be clubbed with the resolution on continuance of the special category status. The House then passed the resolution by a voice vote.

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