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QUESTION

Budget status of National Projects in NER

1777# **Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:**

Will the Minister of Development of North Eastern Region be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount sanctioned and utilized for execution of various National Projects in the North Eastern Region (NER) during the last two years; and
- (b) the progress made on various components of works and target set for those projects?

ANSWER

The Minister of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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(a)to (b)In all, 54 non-exempted Central Ministries/Departments are mandated to spend at least 10% of their Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes in North Eastern Region (NER). The details of Budget Estimate, Revised Estimate and Actual Expenditure under 10% GBS for the period from 2019-20 to 2021-22 is given in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Budget Estimates (BE), Revised Estimates (RE) and Actual Expenditure under 10% GBS			
(Rs. in crore)			
Year	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	Actual Expenditure
2019-20	59,369.90	53,374.19	48,533.80
2020-21	60,112.11	51,270.90	48,563.82
2021-22	68,020.24	68,440.26	38,455.57*

Source: Statement 11/23 of the Union Budget, various years
Note: Actual Expenditure figures are provisional and subject to vetting by Ministry of Finance.
*up to 31.12.2021, as reported by 54 Non-exempted Ministries/Departments.

2. Several initiatives have been taken by the concerned Ministries and Departments of the Central Government in North Eastern Region (NER) to enhance connectivity in the North Eastern Region. These relate to improving air connectivity, rail connectivity, road connectivity, waterway connectivity, power connectivity and telecom connectivity in the NER. These *inter-alia* include:

i. Air connectivity: Total 28 projects have been completed from 2016-17 to 2021-22 with the approved cost Rs. 975.58 crore and completion cost of Rs. 979.07 crore. There are 15 ongoing projects with sanctioned amount of Rs. 2,212.30 crore, which are likely to be completed by March 2023.

ii. Rail connectivity: Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise, and may span across State/ Region boundaries. As on 01.04.2021, 20 projects costing Rs.74,485 crore for 2,011 km length falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region were under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution. These include: 14 New Line Projects covering a length of 1,181 km at a cost of Rs.56,553 crore, out of which 253 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.23,994 crore incurred upto March 2021; Six Doubling/Multi-tracking Projects covering a length of 830 km at a cost of Rs.17,932 crore, out of which 68 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.2,880 crore incurred upto March 2021.

iii. Road Connectivity: A total of 4016.48 km costing Rs.58,385 crore, are ongoing in NER. These projects were undertaken during the last 5 years. The completed projects in NER cover a length of 3099.50 km at a cost of Rs.15,570.44 crore. The ongoing projects are likely to be completed by May 2024. The major ongoing Capital Road Connectivity projects in NER include that of 4 Laning of Dimapur- Kohima Road (62.9 km) in Nagaland; 4 laning of Nagaon bypass to Holongi (167 km) in Arunachal Pradesh; Alternate two-lane Highway from Bagrakote to Pakyong (NH-717A) (152 km) in Sikkim; 2 laning of Aizawl – Tuipang NH-54 (351 km) in Mizoram; 4 laning of Imphal – Moreh section of NH-39 (20 km) and 2-laning of 75.4 km in Manipur.

iv. Waterway connectivity: River Brahmaputra from Dhubri (Bangladesh Border) to Sadiya (891 km) was declared as National Waterway-2 (NW-2) in 1988. The waterway is being developed with fairway of required depth and width, day and night navigation aids and terminals. The facilities created and planned are at a cost of Rs. 461 crore during 5 years (2020-2025). River Barak was declared as National Waterway-16 (NW-16) in the

year 2016. It connects Silchar, Karimganj and Badarpur in Cachar valley of Assam with Haldia and Kolkata ports through Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) Route. The facilities created and planned are at a cost of Rs.145 crore during 5 years (2020-2025).

v. Power connectivity: ‘North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project’ (NERPSIP) for six States (Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland) for strengthening of the Intra-State Transmission and Distribution System (33kV and above) and Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening of Transmission & Distribution Systems in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim etc is improving the power connectivity in NER. Government, through various flagship schemes such as Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) are for strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution infrastructure including rural electrification. " Saubhagya " scheme was launched in October, 2017 with the objective to achieve universal household electrification for providing electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural areas and all poor households in urban areas in the country. Since its launch, 26,14,659 households have been electrified in NER as on 31.03.2021.

vi. Telecom connectivity: BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including NER. The scope of the project has been recently extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs. The timeline for BharatNet project is August,2023 .

Mobile connectivity in NE States, other than Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya, the installation work of the feasible sites has been completed. Besides (a) Mobile connectivity in Arunachal Pradesh and 2 Districts of Assam, with project timeline of April 2023; (b) Mobile connectivity in Meghalaya and along National Highways on 4G Technology with project timeline of June 2022 - are under different stages of implementation.

3. In addition, various schemes are implemented by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region *inter-alia* including as follows:

(i). **Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources-State (NLCPR-State) Scheme:** Out of 1635 sanctioned projects worth Rs.16233.78 crore, 1248 projects worth Rs. 10100.85 crore have been completed, while 387 projects worth Rs.6132.92 crore are ongoing.

(ii). **North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)**: Since the approval of NESIDS on 15.12.2017, so far 110 projects worth Rs.2563.14 crore have been sanctioned by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

(iii). **Schemes of NEC**: During 2016-17 to 2020-21, 215 infrastructure projects costing Rs. 1,267.48 crore have been sanctioned. Out of these, 15 projects costing Rs.93.83 crore have been completed and 200 projects costing Rs.1,173.65 crore are at various stages of implementation.

(iv). Under Asian Development Bank-assisted **North-Eastern States Road Investment Project (NESRIP)**, a total 411.78 km of roads have been completed (20.3 km of road is under progress.) and Rs.1803.71 crore have been released.

(v). **Social and Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF)**: A total of 37 projects have been approved under SIDF and Rs.561.64 crore has been released so far.

(vi). **Hill Area Development Programme (HADP)**: 41 projects worth Rs. 90.00 crore have been sanctioned.

(vii). **Special Development Package for Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC)**: 65 projects at an approved cost of Rs.749.64 crore have been sanctioned and an amount of Rs.714.24 crore has been released. Out of these 65 projects, 54 projects worth Rs. 589.11 crore have been completed.

(viii). **Development Package for Karbi Anglong Autonomous Territorial Council (KAATC)**: So far, 26 projects costing of Rs.251.48 crore have been sanctioned and an amount of Rs.181.27 crore has been released. Out of these 26 projects, 02 projects worth Rs.6.26 crore have been completed. 06 projects worth Rs.95.92 crore have already been identified for sanction.

(ix). **Special Economic Package for Dima Hasao Autonomous Territorial Council (DHATC)**: So far, against the package value of Rs.200.00 crore, 11 projects worth Rs. 170.82 crore have been sanctioned and an amount of Rs.110.97 crore has been released. 04 projects worth Rs.29.00 crore have already been identified for sanction.
