

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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QUESTION
Development of North Eastern States

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

- (a) the details of the projects undertaken by the Government in the North Eastern States since 2017-18, particularly in the bordering areas with China, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar, for the people's educational and economic development;
- (b) the details of the projects undertaken to provide improved healthcare and better connectivity by road, rail and air; and
- (c) the expenditure incurred in each of the North Eastern States since 2017-18, year-wise?

Answer

The Minister of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Shri G. Kishan Reddy]

(a) to (c) Government of India is implementing various flagship and other schemes for the development of the North Eastern Region through the respective administrative Ministries/Departments within the approved financial outlays as per scheme design. As per extant policy of the Government, fifty-five 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 the North Eastern Region (NER) for the overall development of the region including educational, economic, healthcare and infrastructure development. Under 10% GBS, an expenditure of Rs. 3,01,565 crore has been incurred by these Central Ministries/

Departments since financial year 2017-18. The year-wise details of Budget Estimates, Revised Estimates and Actual Expenditure under 10% GBS since financial year 2017-18 is given below:

| Year-wise details of Budget Estimates, Revised Estimates and Actual Expenditure under 10% GBS | | | |
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| (Rs. in crore) | | | |
| Year | Budget Estimate | Revised Estimate | Actual Expenditure |
| 2017-18 | 43,245 | 40,972 | 39,753 |
| 2018-19 | 47,995 | 47,088 | 46,055 |
| 2019-20 | 59,370 | 53,374 | 48,534 |
| 2020-21 | 60,112 | 51,271 | 48,564 |
| 2021-22 | 68,020 | 68,440 | 70,874 |
| 2022-23 | 76,040 | 72,540 | 47,785* |
| Total | 354,782 | 333,685 | 301,565 |
| Source: Statement 11 of Union Budget of various years | | | |
| Note: Actual Expenditure figures are provisional and subject to vetting of Ministry of Finance.* <i>Total GBS expenditure of all 55 Ministries/Departments for the current year 2022-23 up to the end of Third Quarter i.e. 31.12.2022.</i> | | | |

Some of the major initiatives taken by Government of India in the North Eastern States since 2017-18, including bordering areas with China, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar are as follows:

- Ministry of Home Affairs through its Border Area Development Programme has developed 4849 km. of road, 839 No of Bridges/Culverts, 955 No of Foot Suspension bridge since 2014-15. In addition, 153 residential quarters for Doctors, Paramedics & other health officials, 172 Additional rooms in health centres, 47 Mobile dispensaries ambulances, 1089 community centres, 83 Anganwadi centres, 417 Classrooms, 19 Hostel and Dormitories, 500 play fields, 169 Minor irrigation projects, 1014 Drinking water supply projects and 62 Tourism related projects have also been undertaken under this programme since 2014-15.
- Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project (KMMTTP) is a project to connect the eastern ports of India with Myanmar by developing a port at Sittwe on the western coast of Myanmar and linking the Sittwe port with North Eastern part of India through Kaladan river channel up to Paletwa (Myanmar) and a greenfield road project of 109.2 km to be built from Paletwa in Myanmar to Zorinpui (Mizoram). The project has two components: (i) Waterways component - Work related to Sittwe Port and Inland Water Transport (IWT) terminal at Paletwa have been completed and (ii) Roadways component- Work has started from both Paletwa and Zorinpui end.

- Akhaura-Agartala Rail Link is a cross-border rail connectivity project to connect the existing station of Agartala in India to the Gangasagar station in Bangladesh. The total route length is 12.031 km. 5.453 Km of the rail link is in India and 6.578 Km is in Bangladesh. Indian Portion is being funded by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) and Bangladesh Portion is being funded by the Ministry of External Affairs as Grant in aid.
- Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (UdeDeshkaAamNagrik) on 21.10.2016 to enhance regional air connectivity across the country from unserved and underserved airports in the country and making air travel affordable to the masses. Airports at Rupsi, Tezu, Tezpur, Pasighat, Jorhat, Lilabari, Shillong, Pakyong, Itanagar & Dimapur involving 64 routes have been operationalized under UDAN in the North Eastern Region. Two advanced landing Grounds namely Pasighat and Ziro have also been operationalized in Arunachal Pradesh under the scheme “Providing Air connectivity and Aviation infrastructure in NER (North Eastern Region).
- Under National Health Mission (NHM) the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MoH&FW) provides financial and technical support for opening and upgradation/construction of Sub-Centres, PHCs, CHCs, Sub-District Hospitals, District Hospitals based on proposals submitted by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans. Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which includes support for infrastructure development of Sub-Centres, Urban Health and Wellness Centres, Block Public Health Units (PHUs), Integrated District Public Health Laboratories and Critical Care Hospital Blocks. (Expenditure under these schemes is included in the 10 % GBS figures given above)
- Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal is one of the major Medical College/hospitals in the entire North Eastern Region of the country. For the development of RIMS, Imphal the Central Government (MoH&FW) has got constructed Hostels for students, OPD, Forensic Medicine Department, Maternity Ward Block, Blood Bank and Casualty, Lecture Hall and Residential Quarters. Moreover, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Up-gradation of District/Referral hospitals to Medical Colleges, a total of 12 Medical Colleges has been approved in North Eastern States. Of these, 4 are functional. Under Phase- V of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Yojaya (PMSSY), Government has approved setting up of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Guwahati on 24.05.2017. From the academic year 2020-21, MBBS classes have commenced at AIIMS Guwahati from a temporary campus. Further, a total of 233 Public

Health Centres (PHCs) have been opened during 2016-17 to 2019-2020. In respect of North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS) the projects taken by Government of India since 2017-18 are the following:

- Construction of Under Graduate Medical College, Expansion of Nursing College Regional Cancer centre along with Hostels and Guest house with all the associated works and services at a total capital outlay for Rs 494.09 crore.
- Under Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure (PM-ABHIM) the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has sanctioned the construction of critical care block of 150 beds for Rs 119.26 crore.

- In addition to above under schemes of North Eastern Council, since 2017-18, 46 projects costing Rs.614.43 crore and 64 projects costing Rs.2101.49 crore have been sanctioned in border areas and under Health, Road, Rail & Air sectors, respectively. Additionally, since 2017-18, 244 projects costing Rs.4759.12 crore have been sanctioned under various schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region in all North Eastern States including their bordering areas with China, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar for overall development of people of North Eastern States.
