

Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.27**

To be answered on  
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**QUESTION**  
**Air and road transport accessibility**

27. Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) the initiatives undertaken by Government to make road and air transport more accessible for the North Eastern Region (NER) especially those bordering China; and
- (b) the progress made so far towards connecting the capital cities of all the North Eastern States through Railways?

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

(a)& (b) Several infrastructure development projects have been taken up by the concerned Ministries and Departments of the Central Government in NER to enhance connectivity in the North Eastern Region. These relate to improving air connectivity, rail connectivity and road connectivity in the NER. These inter-alia include:

- Road Connectivity: Major ongoing Capital Road Connectivity projects in NER include 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. A total of 4121 km of road projects have been completed by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways in NER in the last 7 years (including 2021-22, upto December 2022). Projects of length 7545 Km amounting to Rs.1,05,518 crore are ongoing.

- Air connectivity: In the North Eastern Region 17 Airports have been made operational. Recently Donyi Polo Airport (erstwhile Holongi Airport) has been inaugurated in Arunachal Pradesh. The development of new Greenfield Airports at Tezu in Arunachal Pradesh; Dibrugarh, Guwahati and Silchar Airports in Assam; Imphal Airport in Manipur; Barapani Airport in Meghalaya and Agartala Airport in Tripura, etc are ongoing.
- Rail connectivity: New projects of length 864.7 km amounting to Rs 19855 crore have been sanctioned in NER since 2014-15 till date. Presently, 20 projects, for new lines as well as doubling, costing Rs.74,485 crore for 2,011 km length falling fully/partly in North Eastern Region are at different stages of planning/ approval/ execution. Out of which 321 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.26,874 crore has been incurred.

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