

Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1625

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QUESTION  
Infrastructure projects in Assam

1625 Shri Pabitra Margherita:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total kilometres of highways and railways and total number of airports in the State of Assam in 2013 and 2023;
- (b) the funds allocated for the completion of highway projects, development of rail infrastructure and airports in the State of Assam, year-wise; and
- (c) the total number of visits by the Prime Minister and other Cabinet Ministers to the North Eastern Region in 2004-2013 and from 2014 onwards?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The total length of National Highways in the state of Assam in 2013 was 2771 km and in July, 2023, it is 3651 km. The total length of railway in Assam as on 31.03.2013 was 2459 km and as on 31.03.2023, it is 2571 km. The total number of airports in Assam was 07 in 2013 and in 2023 also.
- (b) The details of funds allocated for highway projects and development of airport infrastructure in the State of Assam since 2014-15 is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl No.	Year	Highway projects	Dev. of airport infrastructure (cost of completion)
1	2014-15	3268.37	30.55
2	2015-16	4374.31	14.72
3	2016-17	4334.72	0.00
4	2017-18	4727.13	11.50
5	2018-19	6732.87	72.35
6	2019-20	5527.84	114.69
7	2020-21	9442.23	16.48
8	2021-22	11991.82	5.98
9	2022-23	13300.83	43.87
<b>Total</b>		<b>63700.12</b>	<b>310.14</b>

As on 01.04.2023, 19 Railway infrastructure projects (14 New Line and 05 Doubling) covering total length of 1,909 km at a cost of Rs. 81,941 crore, falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region including Assam are in different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 482 km length have been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs. 37,713 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

(c) The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region supports the visits to NER of all the Union Ministers through a program “Fortnightly visits of Hon’ble Union Ministers to NER” which was started in 2015. Hon’ble Prime Minister and Hon’ble Union Ministers visited the North East Region 595 times between January, 2015 and June, 2023.

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