

Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.23**

To be answered on  
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**QUESTION**  
**Projects in North Eastern Region**

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

- (a) the list of connectivity projects worth Rs. 1.76 lakh crores that the Central Government has planned to complete by 2025;
- (b) the budgetary allocation, project-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has carried out any Environmental sustainability study for the same projects?
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and the steps taken by Government to protect the environment; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;

**ANSWER**

**The Minister of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**

**[Shri G. Kishan Reddy]**

- (a) The information furnished by respective nodal Ministries on projects that Government plans to complete to create rail, air and road networks in the North Eastern States are detailed as under:
  - Road connectivity:

261 numbers of road projects under different schemes of MoRTH with an aggregate sanctioned cost of Rs 1,02,594 crore are under implementation through National Highways Authority of India(NHAI), National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.(NHIDCL) and State Public Works Departments (PWDs) in the North Eastern States.

In addition, the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) and North East Road Sector Development Scheme ( NERSDS) has sanctioned 77 road projects amounting to Rs.3372.58 crore.

- Rail connectivity:

19 railway infrastructure project, falling fully / partly in North Eastern States, covering total length of 1909 km at a cost of Rs. 81,941 crore have been undertaken and are at different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of these 482 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.37,713 cores has been incurred upto March, 2023.

- Air connectivity:

Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched regional connectivity scheme (RCS)-UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to enhance regional connectivity across the country from unserved and under served in the country and making air travel affordable to masses. Airports at Rupsi, Tezu, Tezpur, Pasighat, Jorhat, Lilabari, Shillong, Pakyong, Itanagar and Dimapur involving 64 routes have been operationalized under UDAN in the North Eastern Region. There were nine operational airports in 2014 in the North Eastern Region. Presently, there are 16 operational airports in the North Eastern Region. Additionally, Advanced Landing ground at Ziro has also been operationalized. Further, 13 major engineering infrastructure works worth Rs.1543.70 crore are ongoing in the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura.

- Moreover, under North Eastern Council (NEC) 51 projects worth Rs.4345.16 crore under Schemes of NEC has been sanctioned under rail, air and road networks in the North Eastern States.

(b) Department of Expenditure, Ministry Finance, under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for 2022-23 and 2023-24 has released funds to the North-Eastern States as detailed below:

Releases to North-Eastern States under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for 2022-23 and 2023-24					
(Rs. in crore)					
SI No.	States	2022-23	2023-24		
			Allocation under Part-I	Amount Approved	Amount released
1	Arunachal Pradesh	1564.1047	1757	1254.8595	
2	Assam	4300.1400	3128	3128.0000	1514.8276
3	Manipur	467.2205	716		
4	Meghalaya	1049.0200	767	511.7500	
5	Mizoram	297.5000	500	399.2400	
6	Nagaland	504.1600	569	569.0000	
7	Sikkim	551.3600	388	387.6200	258.426254
8	Tripura	349.7900	708		
TOTAL:		9083.2952	8533	6250.4695	1773.253854

(c) to (e) The necessary Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) is done before starting the new projects. The requisite Environment clearance is also obtained by the concerned Agencies of Ministry/Departments/State Government.

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