

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No.512

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QUESTION

Road Connectivity in North East Region

512. Smt Ranjeet Ranjan:

Shri Digvijaya Singh:

Dr. Amee Yajnik:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the congested roads, limited connectivity, and long delays at the borders of the Northeast region, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the steps taken by Government for prevention and remedy of the aforementioned issues; and
- (c) whether the economic development of the region is impacted by existing routes and roads for trade and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

The Minister of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

[Shri G. Kishan Reddy]

(a) to (c) A total of 4950 km of National Highway Network has been developed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways during last nine years (i.e. 2014 - 2023) at a cost of Rs. 41,459 crore in North Eastern Region.

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.

Benefits of Road infrastructure projects in the North East Region, *inter-alia* include integration of people of North-East with the mainstream of the country, faster movement of the essential goods and agriculture products, increase in employment opportunities for the people of this region, Socio-economic development of the area, development of tourism industry and increase in industrial activities in the region and thereby boosting the overall economy of the North-Eastern States.
