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QUESTION
Infrastructure development in Manipur

1320. #Dr. Dinesh Sharma:
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Will the Minister of Development of North Eastern Region be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken to improve logistics and national highways for better connectivity in Manipur;
- (b) the progress made in current and the future plans to accelerate infrastructure projects in Manipur; and
- (c) the efforts being made to develop sports infrastructure and nurture talent in the area under consideration?

ANSWER
The Minister of State of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
(Dr. Sukanta Majumdar)

(a) and (b) Government of India is implementing various flagship and other schemes for the development of the North Eastern Region including the State of Manipur through the respective administrative Ministries/Departments. 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 for the overall development of the region including infrastructure development.

Further, Government of India is implementing a scheme namely 'Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)', a Central Sector Scheme with effect from financial year 2017-18, with the objective of assisting Central and State Government agencies in the creation of appropriate infrastructure for growth of exports. Under the scheme, financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid is provided to Central/State Government owned agencies for setting up or up-grading export infrastructure. In Manipur, 02 projects i.e. (i) Establishment of Integrated Cargo Terminal (ICT) at Imphal International Airport, Imphal, Manipur and (ii)

Establishment of Main Exhibition Building (Phase II) at Trade cum Permanent Exhibition Centre, Imphal, Manipur, have been approved under TIES.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has been paying special attention to the development of National Highways in the North Eastern Region including the state of Manipur. The length of road constructed in last 03 years in the state of Manipur is 686 km. Further, 35 projects (Length-784 km) worth Rs.11,783 crore are ongoing in the State of Manipur. The upcoming major projects in the state of Manipur are:

- (i) Finch Corner to Ukhrul NH-202, Pkg-03, Length-14.63 km with total project cost of Rs. 242.68 Crore.
- (ii) Shangshak-Tengnoupal NH-102A, Pkg-01, Length-38.70 km with total project cost of Rs. 502.06 Crore.
- (iii) Shangshak-Tengnoupal NH-102A, Pkg-03, Length- 48.00 km with total project cost of Rs. 777.61 Crore.

(c) Sports being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports, including development of sports infrastructure facilities, rest primarily with State Governments. Central Government only supplements their efforts by bridging critical gaps. Government of India has established first ever National Sports University in North East in Imphal, Manipur. Government of India is implementing various scheme i.e. Khelo India Scheme, Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme etc. for development of sports infrastructure. Further, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has instituted National Centres of Excellence across the country as part of its strategic initiative to groom high-potential athletes for the Olympic Games and other prestigious international competitions. These centres serve as premier training hubs, offering a holistic sports ecosystem. Further, SAI Training Centres have been established across various States including Manipur to identify and train young athletes in discipline-appropriate age groups. The indigenous games & martial arts centres have been initiated by the SAI to promote and preserve India's rich heritage of traditional sports and martial arts. These centres are aimed at identifying and nurturing young talent in indigenous discipline, particularly in regions where these forms are culturally rooted and actively practiced.
