

**Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**

**LOK SABHA
Unstarred Question No. 2121**

To be answered on
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**Question
Road and Railway Lines in North-East**

2121. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

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

- (a) the funds allocated and spent on the construction of roads and railway lines in the North-Eastern States in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether the length of roads and railway lines per square kilometre in the NE region is less than the national average; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to bridge this gap?

ANSWER

**The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of
North Eastern Region
[Dr. Jitendra Singh]**

(a) to (c) A statement is annexed.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2121 for answer on 15.03.2017.

(a) **Roads-** Ministry of Road Transport and Highways have allocated funds and spent on road construction in the North Eastern States in the last 3 years as follows:-

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	States	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
		Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.5	1.09	2	0.5	2.4	1.83
2.	Assam	200	198.1	145	139.2	75	73.3
3.	Manipur	52	54.39	50	32.6	40	40
4.	Meghalaya	47	33.61	50	43.41	15	15
5.	Mizoram	25	20.57	40	39.53	35	28.4
6.	Nagaland	43	44.65	50	46.2	50	46.27
7.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Tripura	0	0	0	0	5	0
	Total [National Highway (Original)]	369.5	352.4	337	301.5	222.4	204.8
	Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE)	2994	3009	3000	2843	4930	4803
	Grand Total [NH(O) + SARDP-NE]	3364	3361	3337	3144	5152	5008

Railway Lines - Ministry of Railways allocates funds project-wise for Railway projects. Funds allocated and spent for the projects of new lines, gauge conversion and doubling in North Eastern Region during the last three years are as under:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Funds allocated</u>
2013-14	Rs.3392 crore
2014-15	Rs.5200 crore
2015-16	Rs.5338 crore

(b) & (c) **Roads** - The total length of NHs in NER is about 50 km per 1000 sq.km area, whereas the National Average is about 34.4 km per 1000 sq. km area.

Railway Lines - Against a national average of 20 km/1000 square kilometre railway network density, North Eastern States have an average railway network density of 10.1 km/1000 square kilometre. 12 new line works have been taken up in North Eastern Region having a total length of 1248 km at a total cost of Rs.38416 crore. Funds have been increased during last three years for speedier execution of projects in North Eastern Region.
