Government of India Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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QUESTION

Funds for NER

2412. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

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

(a) the details of funds allocated and spent in the North Eastern States under the various schemes by his Ministry during the last three years and the current year, Statewise;

(b) whether his Ministry could not succeed in implementing the welfare schemes properly for NE States and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the progress of Indo-Bangladesh border sealing as on date; and

(d) the number of kilometers of road that has been constructed in the border area during the above period?

ANSWER

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

(a) Data regarding allocation of funds to Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and expenditure incurred during the period 2015-2016 to 2018-2019 is given below:-

				(RS. IN Crore)
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Budget Estimates	2362.74	2430.01	2682.45	3000.00
Actual	1986.79	2495.84	2513.97	396.43
Expenditure			(Provisional)	(as on 27.07.2018)

(b) No, Madam. Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region provides assistance for projects prioritized by State Governments of North Eastern States for filling gaps in physical infrastructure. North Eastern Council provides funds mostly to the State Governments for projects in sectors like agriculture, education, tourism, health, air connectivity, power, water development, tourism, transport & communication, medical & health etc.

(c) As per the information available, out of the 3326 kms. of sanctioned length of fence along Indo-Bangladesh Border, 2778.66 kms. has been completed. The Government has adopted a multipronged approach for security arrangements at the borders, which include deployment of Border Guarding Force (BGF), construction of border fence, construction of border roads, installation of floodlights, construction of Border Out Posts (BOPs), introduction of hi-tech surveillance equipment, besides identifying vulnerable BOPs, etc.

(d) 85.64 kms. of roads have been constructed along the Indo – Bangladesh border, during the last three years i.e. 2015-16 to 2017-18 and the current financial year 2018-19 till date.
