

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

LOK SABHA

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QUESTION
Shortage of Funds

2463. SHRI BAITE THANGSO:

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

- (a) whether there is any shortage of funds for the development of communication network, road and transportation in the North Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the details of projects in this regard taken up in the North Eastern States during the last two years, State-wise?

ANSWER

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
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(a) to (c) All non-exempt Ministries/Departments, including Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Power and Ministry of Shipping, are required to earmark 10% of their schematic budget for the North Eastern Region. The Government had enhanced the earmarked outlay for NER under 10% Gross Budgetary Support (GBS), from Rs.31738.58 crore (RE) in 2016-17 to Rs.40971.69 crore (RE) in 2017-18. This has been further increased to Rs.47994.88 crore (BE) in 2018-19.

Some of the major infrastructure projects, *inter alia*, include Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan (CTDP) for the North Eastern Region (NER) at an estimated cost of Rs.5336.18 crore under which USOF has signed an agreement with BSNL to install 2817 mobile towers for providing mobile coverage in 4119 uncovered villages of Arunachal Pradesh and two districts of Assam at an estimated cost of Rs.2258 crore; Broad Gauging & Capital Connectivity Rail Projects; Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening of Transmission & Distribution Systems (CSST&DS) in

Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim at an estimated cost of Rs.4754.42 crore; Bharatmala Pariyojana; North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS) etc.

Under Bharatmala Pariyojana, road stretches aggregating to about 5301 km in NER have been approved for improvement. Out of this, 3246 km road length has been approved for development of Economic Corridor in North East. To augment railway network, 5 railway projects consisting of 3 new lines and 2 doublings have been taken up during last two years which are at various stages of execution. For providing cross-border rail linkage, foundation stone for Agartala-Akhaura Rail-Link was laid in July, 2016 which will connect the existing Agartala station in Tripura to Akhaura Station of Bangladesh Railways. The cost of Indian portion of the project is Rs.580 crore, which is being borne by Ministry of DoNER while the Bangladesh portion is being funded by Ministry of External Affairs as grant assistance.

19 new waterways (11 in Assam, 5 in Meghalaya, 1 each in Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram & Nagaland) have been declared as National Waterways (NWs) in North East. Moreover, 100% subsidy is being provided by Ministry of Shipping under Central Sector Scheme for development of IWT infrastructure in North Eastern States.

A new Greenfield Airport has been constructed at Pakyong (Gangtok) at a revised cost of Rs.553 crore, suitable for operation of ATR-72 type of aircraft with Apron, terminal building of 100 pax. Moreover, Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS-UDAN) has been launched to provide connectivity to unserved and under-served airports and promote regional connectivity by making the airfare affordable through Viability Gap Funding (VGF).

In addition to the efforts made by infrastructure Ministries/Departments, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) through its schemes of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR)-State, North Eastern Council and North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS), have taken steps to bridge infrastructure gaps in North Eastern Region. The State-wise details of the projects taken up during the last two years under NLCPR-State Scheme and NEC are **annexed**. Under NERSDS, upgradation/rehabilitation of 3 nos. of Inter-State roads has been taken up during last 2 years in NER. Recently, a 100% Centrally funded North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) has been approved for implementation by the Ministry of DoNER to meet the gaps for development of basic infrastructure in identified sectors.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2463 for answer on 01.08.2018

Details of projects taken up in North Eastern States by Ministry of DoNER under NLCPR during the last two years, State-wise

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project
1	Arunachal Pradesh	C/o road from Nakhu to Sanchipan under Nafra circle, West Kameng district
		C/o road from ParsiParlo to Pipsorang Circle HQ in KraDaadi district
		C/o RCC bridge over river Dirang to connect Dirang HQ to Dirang township i/c approach road
		Construction of road from BRTF Road to Essi Yase Village under Tirbin in West Siang District.
		Construction of road from Geku to Mariyang in Upper Siang District
		Construction of 6 nos. bridges to provide connectivity to Admn. CO HQ, Palling with District HQ in Upper Siang District
2	Assam	Construction of Digheeripar Bardoulguri Barachuba road from Ch. 0.00Km to Ch. 4.120Km and from Ch. 4.560 Km to Ch. 10.100 Km (Length9.660Km) including Cross Drainage Works in Darrang District
		Construction of Two Lane RoB in between Barpeta Railway Station and Surupeta Railway Station replacing L.C gate No. SK-37 at Barpeta District
		Construction of Road from NH-31 to KahimpurSuplekuchi via Purbaharati
		Improvement of Udalguri Sapekhaity Bhakatpara Road in Udalguri Rural Road Division
		Construction of RCC Bridge No. 9/1 on MancottaKhamtighat road along with approaches and Protection work and strengthening of damaged road pavement from ch. 8308.00m to ch. 32600.00m via Saraighat Bridge up to Bamunbari Tiniali connecting Moran Naharkatia road (Sh-27) under PWD, Dibrugarh Rural Road Division in Dibrugarh District
		Construction of Alternative Road to Kamakhya Temple at Guwahati in Kamrup (Metro) District (Phase-1 restricted to Hill Cutting and retaining wall)
3	Manipur	Improvement of Koirengei- Sekmai Road i/c bridge approach from Sangakpham to Salanthong
4	Meghalaya	Construction of major bridge over River Daru on Jholgaon-Katuli
		Construction including M&BT of Intermediate lane on RongjengMangsangAdokgre Road from 0.00 Km to 32.00 Km. including 90.00 m bridge over Ildek river at 44th Km
		Construction of Road from Rongsanga Bagre to Bandalkona

		connection Betasing-Mellim Road with bridges
5	Nagaland	Upgradation of road from Alongchen to Mangkolemba to via impur Mopungchuket Mongchen (ODR to MDR) - 19 Km-Phase-II
6	Sikkim	Construction of 70 Mtrs Span Roruchu Steel Bridge along GRBA road in East Sikkim
		Construction of road from Latuk Thek to Rolep 5 km including 1 No. of Bridge over Rangpo Khola at Km 1st, Ch:10
		Construction of Bridge over Rangit River at Kitchudumra, Namchi - Sikip in South Sikkim
7	Tripura	Improvement of Pecharthal (NH-44) Kanchanpur Road (Lenth: 26:50) Phase-II from Machmara - Kanchanpur (Length: 18 Km in Unakoti District
		Improvement of Melagarh-- Sonamura Road (Length: 8.454 Km) Sipahijala District

Details of projects taken up in North Eastern States by North Eastern Council during the last two years, State-wise

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project
1	Arunachal Pradesh	Bordumsa-Borkhet (road)
		Rural road from Nacho BRTF to koba village
2	Assam	MajuliBongaon (DakhinpatSatra) Road in MajuliDistirct
3	Manipur	NH-150/NH-202 (New) to Chadong (near MaphouDam) via Muirei, Ngaramphung&LamlaiKhunou, Manipur
		Improvement of road from Mualdak to Kolhen Diversion road via Munlui
		Contruction of ISTT at Imphal.Sekmai (Road)
		Construction of Yaripok Bazar to Chagangpat (Road)
		Improvement of road koirengei to Sangkpham via Achangbigei, Kontha and Ahallup village
4	Meghalaya	Balance Rongjeng-Mansang-Adokgre (Road)
5	Mizoram	Construction of Approach road to PSC bridge over river Tlawang on Bairabi-Zamuang Road
7	Sikkim	Construction of 26 Nos. of Rural Foot bridges in Sikkim