

Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1265**

To be answered on  
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**QUESTION**

**Railway and Road Infrastructure Projects in North Eastern Region**

1265. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

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

- (a) the details regarding the railway and road infrastructure projects that have been carried out in the North-Eastern Region over the past decade;
- (b) the amount of budget/funds allocated for the Railway and road projects in the North East;
- (c) the details of the total approved outlay for the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) for the period from 2022-23 to 2025-26 and the details of the specific components of the scheme;
- (d) the allocation and utilization of funds for the NESIDS-Road and NESIDS-Other Than Road Infrastructure (OTRI) components, State-wise and district-wise;
- (e) the details of the total outlay and specific components of the 'Schemes of NEC' for the period from 2022-23 to 2025-26; and
- (f) the extent by which the railway and road infrastructure projects will boost the economy of the North-Eastern States?

**ANSWER**

**The Minister of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**

**[Shri G. Kishan Reddy]**

**(a) and (b)**

- **Railway projects**

As on 01.04.2023, 19 railway infrastructure projects, falling fully / partly in North Eastern States, covering a total length of 1909 km at a cost of Rs. 81,941 crore are at different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of these, 482 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.37,713 cores has been incurred upto March, 2023.

During 2014-23, 1618 km sections (377 km New Line, 972 km Gauge Conversion and 269 km Doubling), falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region have been commissioned at an average rate of 179.78 km per year, which is 170% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (66.6 km per year).

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in budget allotment, the details of which are as under:-

<b>Period</b>	<b>Budget outlay</b>
2009-14	Rs.2122 crore/year
2014-23	Rs.6083 crore/year
2023-24	Rs.10,269 crore

- **Road projects:**

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.

(c) The total approved outlay for the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) for the period from 2022-23 to 2025-26 is Rs.8139.50 crore and the details of the specific components of the NESID Scheme *inter-alia*, include NESIDS (Roads) and NESIDS (Other than road infrastructure).

(d) The allocation of funds for the NESIDS-Road and NESIDS-Other Than Road Infrastructure (OTRI) components is Rs.2491.00 crore for the year 2023-24. The details of State-wise utilization of funds under the two components of the NESID Scheme are at Annexure. The data regarding district wise utilization of funds under the said Scheme is not maintained centrally by the MDoNER.

(e) The approved outlay for the 'Schemes of NEC' for the period from 2022-23 to 2025-26 is Rs.3202.70 crore. The 'Schemes of NEC' has got three components, namely, Focused Development Component-30%, Central Agency Component-28% and State Normative Component- 42%for new sanctions. While the Focused Development Component is aimed at development of deprived areas, neglected sections of society and emerging priority sectors in NER, the Central Agency Component is aimed at projects of iconic/ regional nature. Under the State Normative Component, States can propose Projects as per their need and priorities.

(f) Benefits of Railway and 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.

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**Annexure referred to in reply of part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question  
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**State Wise Utilization of NESIDS (OTRI) and NESIDS (Roads) for the FY 2023-24  
(as on 8/12/2023)**

*(Rs. in crore)*

<b>State</b>	<b>NESIDS (OTRI)</b>	<b>NESIDS (Roads)</b>
Arunachal Pradesh	28.30	65.09
Assam	89.31	0
Manipur	3.85	7.03
Meghalaya	0.00	3.00
Mizoram	7.22	8.00
Nagaland	0.00	14.43
Sikkim	16.42	0
Tripura	0.10	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>145.20</b>	<b>97.55</b>