

Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 412**

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**QUESTION**

**Railways and Road Infrastructure Projects in North-Eastern Region**

**412. SHRI RAJU BISTA:**

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

- (a) the details regarding the Railway Projects and Road infrastructure Projects that have been constructed in the North-Eastern Region during the last five years;
- (b) the amount of budget/funds allocated for the Railway and Road Projects in this region, and
- (c) the anticipated degree to which the Rail and Road Infrastructure Projects will boost the economy of the North-Eastern States?

**ANSWER**

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

**[Dr. Sukanta Majumdar]**

**(a) and (b)**

- **Railway projects**

As on 01.04.2024, 18 Railway infrastructure projects (13 New Line, 05 Doubling), of total length of 1,368 km costing ₹74,972 crore falling fully/partly in the North Eastern Region are in planning/ approval / construction stages, out of which 313 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹40,549 crore has been incurred upto March 2024.

In order to speedy completion of these Railway projects and to boost the economy of North Eastern States since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund

allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the North Eastern Region is as under:-

<b>Period</b>	<b>Budget Outlay</b>	<b>Percentage more as compared to average allocation during 2009-14</b>
2009-14	₹2,122 crore/year	-
2024-25	₹10,376 crore (Proposed)	389% more

During 2014-24, 1,728 km sections (377 km New Line, 972 km Gauge Conversion and 379 km Doubling), falling fully/partly in the North Eastern Region, have been commissioned at an average rate of 172.8 km per year, which is 159% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (66.6 km/year).

- **Road projects:**

A total of 6806 km of National Highway Network has been developed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways during last five years (i.e. 2019-2023) at a cost of Rs.77654 crore in North Eastern Region.

In addition, the Ministry of DoNER under Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE), North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) and North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS) has sanctioned 80 road projects amounting to Rs 5894.44 crore during last five years.

(c) 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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