

Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION No.\*376**

To be answered on  
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**QUESTION**  
**Economic Development of NER**

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

- (a) the main purpose of establishing the DoNER Ministry and the quantum of funds allocated through it since the year 2004 till date, year-wise; and
- (b) the main infrastructure that have been developed for the economic growth of the North Eastern region (NER), especially for Assam till 2025?

**ANSWER**

**The Minister of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**  
**[Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia]**

(a) to (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (A) TO (B) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*376 FOR 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025 REGARDING “ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF NER”.**

- (a)** The main purpose of establishing the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region(MDoNER) is to ensure the following:
- i) Rapid development of North Eastern Region(NER) from the point of view of strengthening Infrastructure and social development;
  - ii) To examine areas of main growth opportunities within the NER and coordinate with other ministries/ departments to achieve the desired outcome;
  - iii) To look at the international connectivity with neighboring countries from a perspective of economic growth and as a gateway to South East Asia.

In order to execute on the above the structural construct to deliver on these imperatives is through North Eastern Council (NEC) and other institutional structures that include interalia, North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFi), North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC), North Eastern Handicrafts & Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHHDC) and North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC).The funds allocated through the Ministry since the year 2004 till date; is at **Annexure I**.

From 2004-05 to 2013-14 an amount of ₹ 15135.63 cr was allocated while from 2014-15 to 2024-25 an amount of ₹ 31502.99 cr was allocated as per the Revised Estimate. This indicates 108% increase in the developmental resources to the 8 States in the North Eastern region through MDoNER.

- (b)** The Ministry is also responsible for coordinating and monitoring mechanism of allocation of 10% Gross Budgetary Support (GBS)for NER by non-exempted Ministries/Departments. Under the aforesaid mechanism, the fund allocated during the last 21 years i.e. 2004-05 to 2024-25 is at **Annexure II**. The allocation of funds by the non-exempted Ministries and departments has seen sharp increase. Between 2004-05 &2013-14, an amount of ₹1,57,855.67cr was allocated while between 2014-15 & 2024-25, an amount of ₹6,02,620.12Cr was allocated as per the Revised Estimate, indicating an increase of 281.75%.

Infrastructure development has been an important component of the strategy to develop the NER. Several infrastructure development projects have been taken up by the concerned central Ministries and Departments to boost the overall infrastructure including that for industrial development in the North Eastern Region (NER) which, inter-alia, include:

- i. Increase in National Highways from 10,905 km (2014) to 16,207 km (2024).
- ii. Since 2014, significant progress has been made in civil aviation in North East India. A total of 36 projects worth ₹1,100 crores have been completed, and 12 projects worth ₹1,492 crores are proposed. An investment of ₹2,000 crores is planned for the region. The number of airports has increased from 9 in the year 2014 to 17 at present, and 64 routes have been operationalized under the UDAN scheme.
- iii. Since 2014, significant advancements have been made in Inland waterways. A total of ₹1,040 crores has been spent on various projects, increasing the number of national waterways from 1 to 20. Under the Sagarmala Programme, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways has undertaken projects worth over ₹1,000 crores in the NER. The first cargo vessel sailed from Patna to Pandu via Bangladesh in 2022, and the world's longest river cruise, MV Ganga Vilas, sailed from Varanasi to Bogibeel via Bangladesh in 2023.
- iv. Since 2014, there has been a significant boost in railway infrastructure. The average annual budget allocation towards NER increased by 384%, totaling ₹9,970 crores for FY 2023-24. Annual commissioning of sections rose by 170%, from 66.6 km/year (2009-2014) to 179.78 km/year (2014-23). Railway tracks increased by 1,909 km, with 972 km has been converted to broad gauge. There are 19 projects worth ₹81,941 crores in various stages of execution. Additionally, 25 new rail tunnels are operational, and 121 are under construction.
- v. On 09.03.2024, Hon'ble Prime Minister laid Foundation Stone for multiple projects worth Rs. 12,556 cr.
- vi. The Sela Tunnel, was inaugurated on March 9, 2024. It ensures all-weather connectivity between Tezpur in Assam and Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.
- vii. Agartala-Sabroom New Railway Line Project (112 Km) has been commissioned at a cost of Rs. 3,904.61 crore.
- viii. Dholasadiya Bridge inaugurated in 2017, reduces travel time by 5 hours and 165 km between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

- ix. Donyi Polo Airport, the first Greenfield airport in Arunachal Pradesh was inaugurated in 2022.
- x. Bogibeel Rail-cum-Road Bridge was inaugurated in 2018, enhancing connectivity across Assam.

An illustrative list of major infrastructure developed for the economic growth of the North Eastern Region (NER), including Assam till 2025, through various schemes of MDoNER is placed at **Annexure III**:

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (a) OF THE STATEMENT LAID IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. \*376 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 26.03.2025 REGARDING “ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF NER”.**

**ANNEXURE I**

**Details of Allocation Revised Estimate (RE) during 2004-05 to 2024-25**

**(Rs. in crore)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Revised Estimate</b>
2004-05	1197.12
2005-06	1188.48
2006-07	1365.29
2007-08	1432.00
2008-09	1473.25
2009-10	1475.21
2010-11	1759.33
2011-12	1664.27
2012-13	1750.68
2013-14	1830.00
<b>Total (2004-05 to 2013-14)</b>	<b>15135.63</b>
2014-15	1825.45
2015-16	2000.14
2016-17	2524.42
2017-18	2682.45
2018-19	2629.48
2019-20	2670.00
2020-21	1860.00
2021-22	2658.00
2022-23	2755.05
2023-24	5892.00
2024-25	4006.00
<b>Total (2014-15 to 2024-25)</b>	<b>31502.99*</b>

\*An increase of 208 % from the allocation during 2004-05 to 2013-14

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**ANNEXURE II**

**Details of Allocation Revised Estimate (RE) during 2004-05 to 2024-25 under 10% GBS**

**(Rs. in crore)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Revised Estimate</b>
2004-05	6555.1
2005-06	8910.14
2006-07	10502.25
2007-08	12583.23
2008-09	14387.65
2009-10	15577.12
2010-11	20574.79
2011-12	21907.96
2012-13	22493.75
2013-14	24364.48
<b>Total (2004-05 to 2013-14)</b>	<b>1,57,856.47</b>
2014-15	27,359.17
2015-16	29,669.22
2016-17	32,180.08
2017-18	40,971.69
2018-19	47,087.95
2019-20	53,374.19
2020-21	51,270.90
2021-22	68,440.26
2022-23	72,540.28
2023-24	91,990.42
2024-25	87,735.96
<b>Total (2014-15 to 2024-25)</b>	<b>6,02,620.12</b>

\*An increase of 381 % from the allocation during 2004-05 to 2013-14

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**ANNEXURE III**

The major infrastructure that have been developed for the economic growth of the North Eastern Region (NER), including Assam till 2025 through various schemes of MDoNER are as follows:

<b>Sl.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Project name</b>	<b>Amt in Rs. Cr.</b>
1	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	Construction of Road from Rani to Oiramghat (Assam) via Sika Tode-Sika Bamin Village - Jampani and Anchalghat Camp Road (25km) in East Siang District	33.2547
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	Seppa-Chyangtajo road in East Kameng District	172.52
3	ASSAM	Construction of Medical College at Nalbari	217.82
4	ASSAM	Champamati Irrigation Project	43.85
5	ASSAM	Construction of 100 bedded hospital at Kajalgaon in BTC area	38.52
6	ASSAM	Setting up of IT Park at Kokrajhar	25.94
7	ASSAM	Construction of Road from Birla (Taranglaso) to Ronkimi near NH-36 including RCC Bridge No. 24/1 (L25.00 km) in Assam	44.15
8	ASSAM	Improvement and widening of Bishmuri Saralpara Sarbhanga Road	26.79
9	ASSAM	Improvement of road from Bashbari to Gossaigaon via Dingdinga Kokrajhar District (D.K. Road)	25
10	ASSAM	Champamati Irrigation Project	43.85
11	ASSAM	Construction of 100 bedded hospital at Kajalgaon in BTC area	38.52
12	ASSAM	Construction of Bodofa Cultural Complex at Kokrajhar	18.44
13	ASSAM	Setting up of IT Park at Kokrajhar	25.94
14	ASSAM	Bijni-Panbari Road in Chirang District of Assam	15.59
15	ASSAM	Construction of Borobazar Ulubari Road via Bagargaon including RCC Bridge & Cross drainage in Chirang District	18.69
16	ASSAM	Construction of Road from Birla (Taranglaso) to Ronkimi near NH-36 including RCC Bridge No. 24/1 (L25.00 km) in Karbi Anlong	44.15
17	ASSAM	Construction of Double Lane Road from Lanka to Umrangso via Diyungmukh,	227.17

		HaflongTinali and Panimur	
18	ASSAM	Construction of RCC Bridge over river Aie at Aie Powali including approach & protection work in Chirang District	69.74
19	ASSAM	Construction of three lane Road over Bridge at Jorhat in replacement of Railway LC gate No ST-58 on Na-Ali, Jorhat District in Assam	67.75
20	ASSAM	Improvement & Widening of Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi Road, SH-3 B from Ch.0.00 Km to Ch. 18.65 Km, Assam	79.13
21	MANIPUR	Construction of 400/132/33 KV SS at Thoubal in Manipur	128.24
22	MANIPUR	Bishnupur - Nungba Road	142.85
23	MEGHALAYA	Construction of 220 KV D/C Transmission Line from Misa (Assam) to Byrnihat (Meghalaya)	63.37
24	MIZORAM	HFO bassed 20 MW DG thermal plant at Bhairabi	91.59
25	MIZORAM	Khedacherra - Damcherra - Kwarthah-Tuilutkawn Road	183.27
26	MIZORAM	Serkhan-Baghabazar Road	187.04
27	NAGALAND	Sub-transmission & Distribution schemes	67.85
28	NAGALAND	Mokokchung (NH-155), NH-202 Junction to Aghunato via Longsa-Suruhoto Road	158.31
29	SIKKIM	Augmentation of Namchi Water Supply Scheme, South Sikkim	38.22
30	TRIPURA	Bishalgarh-Boxanagar-Sonamura-Borpathari- Belonia Road	233.41
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2570.96</b>

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