

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ANSWERED ON
LINKING CAPITALS OF NORTH EASTERN REGION .

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

- (a) The status of linking capitals of North Eastern States to main lines by rail, road and air routes;
- (b) the reasons for not providing these services as yet and the impact it has had on the development; and
- (c) the details of targets fixed in consultation with the concerned Ministries?

ANSWER

MINISTER, MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a), (b) & (c) : Government has accorded priority to linking of the capitals of North Eastern States to main lines by rail, road and air routes. Sector-wise details on the same are as under : Railway Sector Details on the rail connectivity status/projects taken up by the Ministry of Railways for linking State capitals of the North Eastern States are given below :

Sl. No. State - Capital Status of rail connectivity/projects under implementation
Target completion

1. Arunachal Pradesh - Itanagar Harmuti-Itanagar project March 2012
2. Assam - Guwahati Already connected
3. Manipur - Imphal Jiribam-Tupul & Tupul-Imphal projects March 2014 March 2016
4. Meghalaya - Shillong Azra-Byrnihat & Byrnihat-Shillong project March 2014 March 2017
5. Mizoram - Aizawl Bhairabi-Sairang project March 2015
6. Nagaland - Kohima Dimapur-Zubza project March 2015
7. Sikkim - Gangtok Sivok- Rangpo project December 2015
8. Tripura - Agartala Already connected

Road Sector All the State capitals of North Eastern States are already connected by National Highways. Air Sector Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North Eastern Region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability while complying with Route Dispersal Guidelines. Details on the air connectivity status/projects taken up by the Ministry of Civil Aviation for linking State capitals of the North Eastern States are given below :

Sl. No. State - Capital Status of air connectivity/projects under implementation
Target completion

1. Arunachal Pradesh - Itanagar New Green field airport at Itanagar is planned. July 2015
2. Assam - Guwahati Already connected

3. Manipur - Imphal Already connected
4. Meghalaya - Shillong Already connected
5. Mizoram - Aizawl Already connected
6. Nagaland - Kohima New Green field airport at Chiethu(Kohima) is planned No target date fixed.
- 7 Sikkim - Gangtok New Green field airport at Pakyong(Gangtok) is planned.
September 2012
8. Tripura - Agartala Already connected