

Funds for development of NER

3848. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE : Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds given for the Development of North Eastern Region by the Ministry and its various organizations during this financial year;
- (b) the purpose for which these funds were given; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government for the development of North Eastern Region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION [GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH]: (a) and (b) Details of funds allocated for development of North Eastern Region to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and its various organisations during current financial year (2014-15) Scheme-wise and the purposes for which funds have been allocated are given below:

	(₹ in crore)
1. Advocacy and Publicity (For showcasing potential of North Eastern Region)	7.00
2. Capacity Building and Technical Assistance (For Training Youth of the Region and also State Government/ Public Sector employees of the region)	20.00
3. North Eastern Council (NEC) (A Statutory Regional Planning Body for securing balanced development of NE region)	770.00
4. North Eastern Region Livelihood Project (NERLP) (To improve rural livelihoods especially that of women, unemployed youth and most disadvantaged in four North Eastern States viz. Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura)	30.00
5. North Eastern States Road Investment Programme (NESRIP)	45.00
North Eastern States Road Project Management Unit (This scheme relates to construction of roads and bridges covering six NE States excluding Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland)	2.00

6.	Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) (For creating socio-economic infrastructure in North Eastern Region and aims at filling critical gaps in existing developmental programmes/schemes)		950.00
7.	Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources – Central – (NLCPR Central) (For enhancing effective and optimal utilization of funds in the NLCPR Pool towards development of North Eastern States)		72.00
8.	Special package for Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) (To develop socio-economic infrastructure in Bodo Territorial Council areas over and above the normal plan assistance to State of Assam)		50.00
9.	Loans to North Eastern Development Finance Corporation (NEFDi) (Providing Credit and other support facilities for promotion, expansion and modernization of industrial enterprises and infrastructure projects in North Eastern Region)		60.00
10.	Organic Farming in North Eastern State (For encouraging/developing organic farming in North Eastern States)	New Scheme	100.00
11.	North Eastern Road Corporation (For developing road infrastructure for speedy movement in North Eastern States)	New Scheme	200.00
12.	Loan to North Eastern Handicraft and Handlooms Development Corporation (NEHHDC) (To develop and promote handicrafts and handlooms and allied products of North Eastern Region and development of artisans and weavers)		2.00
13.	Loan to North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC) (To purchase marketable surplus of fruits and vegetables from growers of North Eastern India, to make necessary arrangements for its processing and marketing and to support farmers and producers through input supplies for better productivity under aegis of Central Sector Schemes.		2.00

(c) Steps taken by the Government for Development of Road, Railways, Air and Inland Waterway's are given hereunder:

I. Road Connectivity:

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has formulated the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North-East (SARDP-NE), for upgradation of 10141 km road stretches of National Highways and State Roads in the year 2005-06. Out of 10141 km of roads included under SARDP-NE, 6418 km has been approved by the Government for implementation under Phase 'A' and the Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads and Highways and balance 3723 km has been approved only for preparation of DPR under Phase 'B' of SARDP-NE. Targets and Allocation are not fixed State-wise. However, the length sanctioned and achievement year-wise during the last three years and the current year is as under:

(figures in km.)

Year	Length sanctioned	Length completed
2011-12	983	150
2012-13	69	260
2013-14	64	363
2014-15	78	70
		(up to June, 2014)

Details of funds allocated year-wise along with expenditure are as follow:-

(₹ in crore)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2011-12	1950	1940
2012-13	1845	1844
2013-14	3007.83	3007.83
2014-15	3000	453.67
		(up to June, 2014)

Projects are targeted for completion by March, 2017 for Phase 'A' and March, 2018 for Arunachal Pradesh Package. With regard to connectivity with the district headquarters the works are under different stages like Detailed Project Report, tender and implementation/completion. The status of connectivity with State Capitals is given hereunder:-

Sl. No.	State Capital	Status
1	Itanagar	4-lane connectivity to Itanagar with East West corridor at Nagaon has been approved by the Government under SARDP-NE. It comprises of six packages for which alignments have already approved. One project of the Brahmaputra Bridge is under bidding and balance five packages, have been approved by the High Power Committee (HPC) on 16.07.2014.
2	Guwahati	Already connected by 4-lane highway through East West (EW) corridor.
3	Shillong	The proposal for 4-laning of NH-40 from Jorabat to Barapani on BOT (Annuity) basis and improvement of existing 2-lane Barapani to Shillong section of NH-40 on EPC basis was included under Phase 'A' of SARDP-NE. The present progress of Jorabat to Barapani is 66.30% and 41.8 km of length has been completed. The project is likely to be completed by Jan. 2015 except Umsing by-pass, for which the land is yet to be handed over by the State Government of Meghalaya and the portion from Barapani to Shillong has been taken as two lane with paved shoulder by-pass to Shillong city under SARDP-NE Phase 'A'.
4	Kohima and Imphal	4-laning of NH-39 from Dimapur to Kohima is included as part of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE) Phase 'A'. This project is under bidding.
5	Aizawl	The work is in progress for 2 laning connectivity to Aizawl.
6	Agartala	To connect Agartala with East West corridor, Silchar-Churaibari-Agartala section is being developed as two lanes under National Highway (Original)/SARDP-NE.

Sl. No.	State Capital	Status
7	Gangtok	There is no proposal to upgrade NH-31A connecting Gangtok to 4 lane standards. However, an alternate 2 lane Highway (in addition to NH 31A) has been approved by the Government.

II. Rail Connectivity:

Presently, 12 new line projects, 4 gauge conversion projects and 2 doubling projects *i.e.* total 18 projects have been taken up in NE region, which are at different stages of progress. Outlay of ₹ 2079 crore, ₹ 2279 crore and ₹ 3392 crore have been provided during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively for the projects in North East Region. Outlay for the current year (2014-15) is ₹ 5200 crore which is about 50% higher than the last year (2013-14).

The capitals of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura are already connected with railway network. Projects to provide connectivity to capitals of remaining States except Sikkim have been taken up as under and are progressing as per availability of funds.

Sl. No.	State	Remarks
1.	Manipur (Imphal)	New line from Jiribam – Imphal, sanctioned in 2003-04, will provide connectivity to Imphal.
2.	Nagaland (Kohima)	New line from Dimapur – Kohima, sanctioned in 2006-07, will provide connectivity to Kohima.
3.	Mizoram (Aizawl)	New line from Bhairabhi – Sairang, sanctioned in 2008-09, will provide connectivity to Aizawl.
4.	Meghalaya (Shillong)	New line from Tetaliya – Byrnihat sanctioned in 2006-07 and Byrnihat- Shillong, sanctioned in 2010, will provide connectivity to Shillong.

Sivok-Rangpo new line has been taken up to provide connectivity to Sikkim but the proposal to extend this line upto Gangtok has not been taken up. There is no proposal to connect all District Headquarters in various States.

III. Air Connectivity:

In NER, there are total of 24 airports (12 operational and 12 non-operational) including Bagdogra in West Bengal. Out of the operational airports, seven airports

(Agartala, Dimapur, Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Imphal, Lilabari and Shillong) are with Airport Authority of India (AAI) and four are Indian Air Force (IAF) airports (Bagdogra, Jorhat, Silchar and Tezpur) where AAI have civil enclaves. Airport at Lengpui (Mizoram) belongs to the State Government. Out of the twelve operational airports the Guwahati and Imphal airports are international airports while all other airports are domestic airports. For improving air connectivity in North East Region, AAI had taken up a number of infrastructure development works at various airports in the past decade and a number of development works are contemplated for coming years. The objective is to make Guwahati as Inter-Regional Hub and Agartala, Dibrugarh and Imphal as Intra-Regional Hubs. For this, construction of maintenance hangars, extension and strengthening of runway, extension and strengthening of Apron, construction of new terminal buildings/extension and modification of existing terminal buildings, etc. are planned in these airports. In addition to the above, development works are also planned for other airports like extension of runway suitable for A-321 type of aircrafts at Shillong, new terminal buildings at Silchar and Jorhat etc.

IV. Inland Waterways:

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has a mandate to develop National Waterways including National Waterway-2 (River Brahmaputra) from Bangladesh Border (near Dhubri) to Sadiya for the purpose of inland water transport and Development of Barak River from Lakhimpur to Bhanga (121 km) as a National Waterway at an estimated cost of ₹ 141 crore at 2014 price .

Sector prioritised and strategy for development

3849. SHRIMATI JHARNADAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the years in which the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) was created and what was allocation during inception (first) and last (2013-14) financial year;
- (b) whether the Ministry has prioritised any sector(s) or defined any strategy to ensure the desired goal;
- (c) if so, those prioritised sector(s) or the strategies defined; and
- (d) till date in which sectors the Ministry has achieved the significant successes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION [GENERAL (RETD) V.K. SINGH]: (a) Department of Development of North Eastern Region was upgraded to a Ministry in May, 2004. The budget allocation during first 2004-05 and last year (2013-14) financial year are as under: