

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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Question
Infrastructure development in NE Region

1950. Ms. SAROJ PANDEY:

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

the State-wise details of the new infrastructure schemes approved during the last five years for the development of North Eastern States under the Central Sector Scheme of Government?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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(a) Various Central Sector Schemes/ Centrally Sponsored Schemes are implemented by Central Ministries/Departments under 10% Gross Budgetary Support (GBS). Besides, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region in coordination with Central Ministries/Departments is focusing on the development of physical and social infrastructure in order to improve connectivity and socio economic development in North Eastern Region.

Some of the new infrastructure schemes/projects approved during the last five years for the development of North Eastern States under the Central Sector Scheme of Government *inter-alia* include new Greenfield Airport at Holongi, Arunachal Pradesh; Dibrugarh Airport in

Assam; Imphal Airport in Manipur; Barapani Airport in Meghalaya; New Rail line in Assam such as Sibsagar – Jorhat (62 Km); Salona- Khumtai (99Km); Tezpur- Silghat (25 Km); Mahisasana (India)- Zero Point (Bangladesh) New Line (3 Km); Doubling Rail line in Assam such as Saraighat Bridge doubling line (7 Km); Kamakhya-New Guwahati Quadrupling (21 Km); Doubling of Lumding- Tinsukia Jn-Dibrugarh (381 Km); Mobile connectivity in Arunachal Pradesh and 2 Districts of Assam; Mobile Connectivity in Uncovered villages in Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh (National Highways only) of North Eastern Region and seamless coverage along National Highway; Mobile connectivity in Meghalaya and along National Highways on 2G+4G Technology; Bharat Net and Wi-Fi Connectivity for Village Panchayats in North Eastern Region; Development of National Waterway-2 (River Brahmaputra, 891 Km) Sadia to Bangladesh Border and National Waterway-16 (River Barak, 121 Km) Bhangra-Lakhipur Stretch Including Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) route; Indradhanush Gas Grid Project covering all North Eastern Region States; North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project (NERPSIP) in six North Eastern Region States of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Tripura and Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening Transmission and Distribution System in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.

The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, through its schemes of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), schemes of North Eastern Council (NEC), North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS) has also taken steps to bridge the social and physical infrastructure gaps in North Eastern Region (NER). During the last five years, 76 projects worth Rs. 1878.36 crore were sanctioned under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) to North Eastern Region States. Under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region provides financial assistance for physical infrastructure projects relating to water supply, power and connectivity. During the last five years, 99 projects worth of Rs. 2452.62 crore has already been sanctioned till March, 2021 against which an amount of Rs. 1112.98 crore have been released under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme for the development of North East Region States. During the last five years (FY 2016-17 to FY 2020-21), North Eastern Council, Shillong has sanctioned 215 infrastructure projects costing Rs.1267.48 crore under Central Sector Scheme/Projects for development of North Eastern States.
