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RAJYA SABHA
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QUESTION
Infrastructure development in North Eastern States

975. Ms. SAROJ PANDEY:

Will the Minister of Development of North Eastern Region be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the projects implemented by Government for infrastructure development in the North Eastern States of the country during the last 5 years and the quantum of funds allocated for this purpose; and
- (b) the number of projects completed out of these and the time by which the remaining projects would be completed?

ANSWER

The Minister of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

[Shri G. Kishan Reddy]

(a) and (b) The Government has been implementing various infrastructure development projects in the North Eastern States during the last 5 years. These relate to improving air, rail, road, waterway, power and telecom connectivity. The details are given below.

- i. **Air connectivity:** Total 28 projects have been completed from 2016-17 to 2021-22 with the approved cost Rs. 975.58 crore and completion cost of Rs. 979.07 crore. There are 15 ongoing projects amounting to Rs. 2,212.30 crore and these projects are likely to be completed by March 2023.
- ii. **Rail connectivity:** Railway projects are sanctioned Zonal Railway wise and not State-wise, and may span across State boundaries. As on 01.04.2021, 20 projects costing Rs.74,485 crore for 2,011 km length falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region are under different stages of planning/ approval/ execution, out of which 321 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.26,874 crore incurred upto March 2021.

These include: 14 New Line Projects covering a length of 1,181 km at a cost of Rs.56,553 crore, out of which 253 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.23,994 crore incurred upto March 2021; Six Doubling/Multi-tracking Projects covering a length of 830 km at a cost of Rs.17,932 crore, out of which 68 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.2,880 crore incurred upto March 2021. The details of completed projects during the last 5 years is given at Annexure-I.

iii. **Road connectivity:** A total of 4016.22 km costing Rs.58,385 crore are ongoing in NER. These projects were undertaken during the last 5 years. The completed projects in NER cover a length of 3099.50 km at a cost of Rs.15,570.44 crore. The details of ongoing and completed road projects are given in Annexure-II. The ongoing projects are likely to be completed by May 2024.

iv. **Power connectivity:** Government, through various flagship schemes, such as Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) for strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution infrastructure including rural electrification, 'North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project' (NERPSIP) for six States (Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland) for strengthening of the Intra-State Transmission and Distribution System (33kV and above) and Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening of Transmission & Distribution Systems in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim etc. is improving the power connectivity in NER. Saubhagya scheme was launched in October, 2017 with the objective to achieve universal household electrification for providing electricity connections to all un-electrified households in rural areas and all poor households in urban areas in the country. Under Saubhagya scheme, as on 31.03.2021, 26,14,659 households have been electrified since launch of the scheme in NER.

v. **Telecom connectivity:** BharatNet project is implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including NER. The scope of the project has been recently extended up to all inhabited villages beyond GPs. The timeline for BharatNet project is August, 2023. The funds disbursed for NER under this scheme are Rs. 640.01 crore during last 5 years.

Under the Scheme for provision of mobile services in uncovered villages in Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh (National Highways only) of NER and seamless coverage along National Highway, the installation work of the feasible sites has been completed. The funds disbursed under this scheme are Rs. 633.88 crore during last 5 years.

The Scheme for provision of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages of Meghalaya and seamless coverage along National Highway, has project timeline as June 2022. Funds are yet to be disbursed under this scheme.

Scheme for provision of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages of Arunachal Pradesh and 2 Districts of Assam (KarbiAnglong and Dima Hasao), has project timeline as April 2023. Funds are yet to be disbursed under this scheme.

- vi. **Waterway connectivity:** River Brahmaputra from Dhubri (Bangladesh Border) to Sadiya (891 km) was declared as National Waterway-2 (NW-2) in 1988. The waterway is being developed with fairway of required depth and width, day and night navigation aids and terminals. The facilities created and planned as per approved Standing Finance Committee (SFC) recommendation of NW-2 is at a cost of Rs. 461 crore during 5 years (2020-2025). River Barak was declared as National Waterway-16 (NW-16) in the year 2016. It connects Silchar, Karimganj and Badarpur in Cachar valley of Assam with Haldia and Kolkata ports through Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) Route. The facilities created and planned as per approval of Standing Finance Committee of NW-16 and Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) route is at a cost of Rs.145 crore during 5 years (2020-2025). In addition, the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) is implementing various schemes viz. Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources-State (NLCPR-State) Scheme; North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS); Special Package for Assam [Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC); Dima Hasao Autonomous Territorial Council (DHATC) and KarbiAnglong Autonomous Territorial Council (KAATC)]; Hill Area Development Programme (HADP); Social and Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF) for development of the North Eastern Region. The details of projects sanctioned and projects completed during the last five years under these schemes, and funds released against these projects are given in Annexure-III. Under Asian Development Bank-assisted North-Eastern States Road Investment Project (NESRIP), a total 411.78 km of road have been completed and Rs.1739.24 crore have been released. 20.3 km of road is under progress. Besides, under the schemes of NEC, during 2016-17 to 2020-21, 215 infrastructure projects costing Rs. 1,267.48 crore have been sanctioned. Out of these, 15 projects costing Rs.93.83 crore have been completed and 200 projects costing Rs.1,173.65 crore are at various stages of implementation.

Annexures to Part (a) and (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 975 dated 10.02.2022 regarding Infrastructure development in North Eastern States

Annexure- I

Details of completed Railway projects in last five years falling fully/ partly in North Eastern States

SN	Name of project	Length (in km)	Anticipated cost (Rs. in Cr.)
	<u>NEW LINES</u>		
1	Bogibeel with linking lines between Dibrugarh, North and South Bank line.	73.00	5920.00
2	Agartala – Sabroom	112.00	3904.61
3	New Maynaguri – Jogighopa New line project	284.75	4541.38
	<u>GAUGE CONVERSION</u>		
1	Lumding - Silchar including Migrendisa - Dittockchera (198 km), Extension from Badarpur - Bairagram (44 km) and new Material Modification for Gauge Conversion of Bairagram - Dulavchera with bypass at Karimganj (29.4 km) and Karimganj - Maishasan (10.30 km)	420.90	8359.20
	<u>DOUBLING</u>		
1	Hojai - Lumding Patch Doubling project	44.92	398.93

Details of ongoing Roadway projects under Ministry of Road Transport & Highways

SI No.	State	Number of Projects	Length in km	Cost (Rs. in crore)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	34	749.42	8973.11
2	Assam	29	418.53	10527.12
3	Manipur	33	628.20	7833.592
4	Meghalaya	18	237.46	3193.41
5	Mizoram	23	599.87	10616.58
6	Nagaland	39	803.55	9205.96
7	Sikkim	17	197.44	3963.918
8	Tripura	20	382.02	4071.31
Total		213	4016.48	58,385

The details of completed roadways projects in last 5 years are given below:-

State	No. of completed projects in last 5 years	Length in km	Amount (Rs. in crore)
Assam	83	1237.61	3274.72
Arunachal Pradesh	23	534.086	5011.12
Manipur	18	283.525	1362.56
Nagaland	38	360.497	2575.46
Mizoram	36	253.86	651.19
Nagaland	26	264.7	1086.14
Sikkim	6	107.36	1276.75
Tripura	7	57.86	332.5
Total	237	3099.50	15570.44

ANNEXURE-III

Projects Sanctioned between 01/04/2016 - 07/02/2022						
(Cost in Rs. crore)						
S. No.	Scheme	Sanctioned projects		Completed projects		Funds released
		Number of projects	Cost	Number of projects	Cost	
1.	NLCPR-State	76	1878.37	8	81.69	1162.11
2.	NESIDS	110	2563.14	0	0	1464.32
3.	Special Packages of Assam (BTC; DHATC & KAATC)	26	324.02	0	0	211.18
4.	HADP	41	90	6	7.67	58.26
5.	SIDF	14	213.4	4	76.61	202.4