

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

RAJYA SABHA

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QUESTION

Railway and Road projects in North Eastern States

510# Shri Kailash Soni:

Dr.Sikander Kumar:

Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

Smt. KantaKardam:

Smt. SeemaDwivedi:

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

- (a) the details regarding the railway projects and road Infrastructure projects that have been carried out in the North-Eastern Region over the last five years;
- (b) the amount of budget/funds allocated for the railway and road Projects in the North East; and
- (c) the anticipated degree to which the rail and road Infrastructure projects will boost the economy of the North-Eastern States?

ANSWER

The Minister of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

[Shri G. Kishan Reddy]

(a) and (b)

- **Railway projects**

As on 01.04.2023,19 railway infrastructure projects, falling fully / partly in North Eastern States, covering a total length of 1909 km at a cost of Rs. 81,941 crore are at different stages of planning/approval/execution. Out of these, 482 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.37,713 cores has been incurred upto March, 2023.

During 2014-23, 1618 km sections (377 km New Line, 972 km Gauge Conversion and 269 km Doubling), falling fully/ partly in North Eastern Region have been commissioned at an average rate of 179.78 km per year, which is 170% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (66.6 km per year).

- **Road projects:**

A total of 4950 km of National Highway Network has been developed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways during last nine years (i.e. 2014-2023) at a cost of Rs.41,459 crore in North Eastern Region.

In addition, the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) and North East Road Sector Development Scheme (NERSDS) has sanctioned 77 road projects amounting to Rs.3372.58 crore (51 projects worth Rs.4345.16 crore under Schemes of NEC has been sanctioned under rail, air and road networks in the North Eastern States).

(c) Benefits of Railway and Road infrastructure projects in the North East Region, *inter-alia* include integration of people of North-East with the mainstream of the country, faster movement of the essential goods and agriculture products, increase in employment opportunities for the people of this region, Socio-economic development of the area, development of tourism industry and increase in industrial activities in the region and thereby boosting the overall economy of the North-Eastern States.
