

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ROAD CONNECTIVITY TO DISTRICT HQS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to connect all District Headquarters in the country with two-lane National and State Highways during the ensuing Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the estimated cost of these projects; and
- (d) the time frame fixed for completion of the projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. However, the Government has formulated Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE) with the objective of upgrading National Highways connecting State capitals in North East region to 2-lane / 4-lane standards and also for providing connectivity of all District Headquarters of North East region by at least 2-lane National Highways (NHs), State roads and roads of strategic importance. Under SARDP-NE Phase A, development of 2,314 km length of roads, comprising of 1,782 km length of NHs and 532 km length of State roads and roads of strategic importance, are included. The phase A of the programme has been approved for a total estimated cost of Rs. 15,943 crore. SARDP-NE Phase A is scheduled for completion by 2012-13.