

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:142  
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2011  
EAST-WEST CORRIDOR  
Purkayastha Shri Kabindra

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether poor road connectivity is one of the reasons for the slow economic development of the North-Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to improve road connectivity in the North-Eastern Region;
- (c) the present status of East-West Corridor projects in the North-Eastern States;
- (d) whether proposals have been received for construction of two lane East-West Corridor in Dima Hasao district of Assam;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the time by which East-West Corridor is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (Dr. C.P.JOSHI)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.142 FOR ANSWER ON 07/03/2011 ASKED BY SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA REGARDING EAST WEST CORRIDOR

(a) Road connectivity affects economic development.

(b) Ministry has formulated Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North-East (SARDP-NE), for upgradation of 10141 km road stretches of national highways and State roads, for enhancing connectivity with the State capitals and providing connectivity to all District Headquarters of North-East.

In addition to the above, the Ministry also takes up development of road projects under its regular scheme called NH(O) ( list of NH(O) projects which have been approved for NE Region during last 3 years is enclosed at Annexure I). The Ministry also approves some road improvement projects, with respect to the identified State roads, under Central Road Fund (CRF) and the schemes of Inter-State Connectivity and Economic Importance (EI).

(c) Present status of East West Corridor projects in North East Region is enclosed as Annexure II.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) East West Corridor projects are anticipated to be substantially completed by December, 2011.