

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ROAD LINKING PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the Government has selected several roads under its road linking programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of roads on which construction work is being carried out in the State, lane-wise;
- (d) whether any steps have been taken to allocate sufficient funds for such construction work;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the road-wise details of the expenditure incurred so far; and
- (f) the time by which construction on the said roads likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highway (NH) network in the country. The State Governments are responsible for development of State Roads. The development and maintenance of NHs including expansion of NH network is a continuous process and the works are accordingly taken up from time to time as per the traffic density, inter-se priority and availability of funds. The expansion of NH network is also done from time to time depending upon the requirement of connectivity, availability of funds and inter-se priority based upon the proposals received from the State Governments to declare State Roads as new NHs. The Government has taken up various programmes such as Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the North East (SARDP-NE) including Arunachal Pradesh package and Special Programme for development of roads in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas covering 34 districts in 8 States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha & Uttar Pradesh. These programmes are, inter-alia, envisaged to promote socio-economic development in these regions.

(c) The State-wise details of number of on-going road projects are annexed.

(d) Sufficient funds for the construction of these roads have been allocated during the 11th Five Year Plan.

(e) The total outlay for SARDP-NE (including Arunachal Package) for the financial year 2010-11 is Rs 1500.00 crore and the expenditure incurred upto February, 2011 is Rs 651.59 crore. An allocation of Rs 750.00 crore has been made for development of roads in the LWE affected areas and the expenditure incurred is Rs 578.21 crore up to February, 2011.

(f) Phase-A of SARDP-NE is targeted to be completed by March, 2015. The Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads & Highways is targeted to be completed by June, 2015. The target for completion of works in LWE is March, 2014.