

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
LOK SABHA**

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CONNECTIVITY FOR NE REGION  
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**Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any project for improving the connectivity to the capitals of Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI BUOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The Government has accorded priority to the improvement of connectivity to the North Eastern Region, including the capitals of the Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh. Details of the efforts made to improve air, road and rail connectivity to these State capitals are as under:

I. Air connectivity:

Ministry of Civil Aviation have reported that the Route Dispersal Guidelines have been laid with a view to better regulate air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North East region. Details of air connectivity services and projects in the State capitals of Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh are given below:-

Nagaland - Dimapur is connected by air services to Kolkata, Dibrugarh, Guwahati & Imphal. A new Greenfield airport at Chiethu (Kohima) is planned at an estimated cost of Rs.954 crore.

Manipur - Imphal is connected by air services to Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati, Silchar, Agartala and Aizwal. Up-gradation of the existing Airport to accommodate bigger aircrafts is also planned.

Mizoram - Aizwal is connected by air services to Kolkata, Guwahati, Imphal, Agartala. Up-gradation of the existing airport is planned with night landing facilities.

Arunachal Pradesh - Greenfield Airport at Itanagar is planned at an estimated cost of Rs.989Cr.

II. Road connectivity:

Details regarding road connectivity projects to capital towns of Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram & Arunachal Pradesh are given below:-

Manipur

Imphal, the State capital of Manipur is being connected by at least 2-lane road with East-West Corridor (EWC) through two road networks viz.

(i) Daboka-Dimapur-Kohima (on EWC) along NH-36 and NH-39 ii) From Imphal to Silchar (on EWC) via Jiribam, NH-53:-

(i) Daboka-Dimapur-Kohima-Imphal Section: The EWC in Assam from Silchar to Srirampur (670 km) is being developed to 4-lane by NHAI. Out of 670 km, 18 km (Guwahati Bypass) has already been completed and the works in 621 km length are under different stages of progress. In the remaining 31 km (Balachera-Harangajao section), the work of 2-laning is in progress. After completion of the 2-laning in this section, 4-laning work will be taken up after approval of Ministry of Environment & Forest since this section passes through Borail Wildlife Sanctuary. The target date for substantial completion is December, 2011. The stretch from Daboka (On EWC) to Dimapur (71 km) has already been developed to 2-lane standards under Phase `A` of SARDP -NE. The stretch from Dimapur to Kohima (capital of Nagaland) (81 km), 4-laning of this stretch under BOT(Annuity) basis has been entrusted to NHAI. NHAI is in the process of preparing the DPR. The 4-laning work is targeted for completion by March, 2015. The stretch from Kohima-Imphal, state capital of Manipur, along NH-39 is already 2-lane.

(ii) Imphal-Jiribam-Silchar section: The stretch between Imphal and Jiribam (39 km) has been approved for upgradation to 2-lane under Phase `A1` of SARDP-NE. The work is in progress by BRO. In Jiribam-Silchar section, the work of 2-laning in 22 km length is being executed by BRO. In the left over 10 km stretch, the tendering is in the advance stage of progress by Assam PWD. The target

date of completion is March, 2012.

#### Nagaland

Kohima, the State capital of Nagaland, is proposed to be connected by at least 2-lane with EWC at Daboka. The details are already covered under Daboka-Dimapur-Kohima-Imphal section of Manipur.

#### Mizoram

Aizawl, the State capital of Mizoram, is proposed to be connected to 2-lane road with Silchar (on EWC) under Phase `A` of SARDP-NE. The widening of this stretch to 2-lane in a length of about 93 km has been improved under Phase `A` of SARDP-NE and the works are in progress by BRO and Mizoram PWD. The target date of completion is March, 2013.

#### Arunachal Pradesh

Itanagar, the State capital of Arunachal Pradesh is proposed to be connected by 4-lane road with Nagaon (On EWC). Under Phase `A1` of SARDP-NE, total 190 km has been approved for connectivity of Itanagar with EWC following the route as Nagaon-Silghat-Jamgudi-Helem-Holongi-Itanagar (NH-37A, 52 & 52A). The stretch from Nagaon to Jamgudi (85 km) is proposed to be implemented on BOT (Annuity) and the balance stretch of 105 km from Jamgudi to Itanagar is to be implemented on cash contract. The tendering for 4-laning of 20 km in Arunachal Pradesh i.e. from Holongi to Itanagar has been completed and the work is under process of award. For the balance stretch of 85 km on cash contract from Jamgudi to Holongi, the DPR is under preparation by PWD, Assam. The 85 km from Nagaon to Jamgudi to be implemented on BOT(Annuity). The feasibility report is under final stage of preparation. The target for completing the 4-laning of entire stretch of 190 km is by March, 2015

#### III. Rail connectivity:

The details on rail connectivity projects taken up by the Ministry of Railways for connecting State capitals of Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the project	State	Estimated cost (Rs. In crores)
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| 1. | Jiribam - Tupul - Imphal<br>(125 Km), (National Project)   | Manipur                           | 3123.52 |
| 2. | Dimapur- Kohima (88 Km),<br>(National Project)   | Nagaland                          | 850.00  |
| 3. | Bhairabi - Sairang (51.38 Km),<br>(National Project)   | Mizoram                           | 2429.41 |
| 4. | Harmuti - Itanagar (33 Km)<br>{Line terminated at Naharlagun<br>as agreed by State Government}<br>Harmuti-Naharlagun (20 Km) | Assam and<br>Arunachal<br>Pradesh | 160.48  |