

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:369
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2011
DEVELOPMENT OF ROADS IN NER
Toppo Shri Joseph

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

- (a) the details of the proposals received from the North-Eastern States for conversion of Roads/State Highways into National Highways (NHs) during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) the details of the funds earmarked, released and incurred for the purpose during the said period;
- (d) whether the Government has chalked out or proposed to take up development and upgradation of roads in the North-Eastern Region (NER) as a special strategy/consideration; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 369 FOR ANSWER ON 29.8.2011 ASKED BY SHRI JOSEPH TOPPO REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF ROADS IN NER.

(a) and (b): State-wise details of the proposals received from the North-Eastern States for conversion of Roads/State Highways into National Highways (NHs) and declaration of roads/state highways into National Highways during the last three years are at Annexure-I.

(c): The development of these declared National Highways are taken up under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East(SARDP-NE). The funds are not earmarked NH-wise. The expenditure is being incurred out of total allocation under SARDP-NE based on progress of the sanctioned works. The expenditure incurred by the Ministry on these NHs, State-wise and year-wise, is at Annexure-II.

(d) and (e): Yes, Madam. The Government has taken special initiative to develop and upgrade the roads in NE region. The developments of roads are being done under two programmes (i) East-West (E-W) Corridor; & (ii) Special Accelerated Road Development Programme (SARDP). The details under each programme are given below:

(i) E-W Corridor:

Under this programme the western part of India, Porbandar in Gujarat, is being connected to eastern part of India, Silchar in Assam, via 4 lane roads and out of this 672 km of National highways from Srirampur at Assam/ W.Bengal to Silchar, falls in North Eastern Region. This project is under implementation by National Highways Authority of India. The target for completion is by December, 2012 except for five packages of 116 km length passing through N.C. Hills district, which have been re-awarded with target date of completion as April, 2014.

(ii) SARDP-NE:

Under this programme total 10141 km roads comprising of 4798 km National Highways and 5343km State/ General Staff roads are proposed for up-gradation to 2/4 lanes. Out of 10141 km length of roads, 6418 km length is approved for implementation with target date of completion by year 2016-17. The works are in different stages of implementation.