

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:374
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2012
AIR CONNECTIVITY IN NE REGION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds sanctioned/disbursed for infrastructural development of civil aviation sector in the North-Eastern Region during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to improve air connectivity in the North-Eastern Region of the country during the Twelfth Five Year Plan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the new civil aviation policy being framed for the North-Eastern Region;and;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?;

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d):- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID IN REPLY OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 374 FOR ANSWER ON 19.12.2012 REGARDING 'AIR CONNECTIVITY IN NE REGION'.

(a) : The details of funds sanctioned/disbursed for the development of civil aviation infrastructure in the North Eastern Region during the last three years and the current year are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Fund Allocated	Actual Expenditure
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2009-10	127.70	118.16
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2010-11	237.73	130.48
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2011-12	181.48	113.27
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2012-13	95.45	20.76 (Upto Oct. 2012)
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(b) to (d):- Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines (RDG) with a view to achieve better regulation of Air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. As per RDG, all scheduled operators are required to deploy in Category II (which includes the North-Eastern region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep) at least 10 percent of the capacity deployed by them on routes in Category I (Metro-routes) and of the capacity thus required to be deployed on Category II routes, at least 10 percent would be deployed on services or segments thereof operated exclusively within the North-Eastern region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep.

With a view to promote regional - connectivity in various regions of the country including North-Eastern Region, the Government is in the process of bringing out a new policy.