

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF ROADS IN NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE) for the development/improvement of roads in the North-Eastern States of the country;
- (b) the details of the targets fixed and achieved so far under the said programme along with the allocation of funds made for the purpose, State-wise including Nagaland;
- (c) whether the work on this project is going at a very slow pace;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to speed up the pace of construction work under the programme; and
- (e) whether there are reports of irregularities in the said project and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) & (b) This Ministry has formulated the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE) for the development/improvement of 10141km length of roads in the North-Eastern States of the Country. The programme has been divided into three parts, Phase 'A' covering 4099km, Arunachal Pradesh Package for Roads and Highways (APPRH) covering 2319km and Phase 'B' covering 3723km. The Government has so far approved implementation of 3325km under Phase 'A' and 2319km under APPRH and balance length of 774km under Phase 'A' has been approved in-principle. Phase 'B' of SARDP-NE has been approved for DPR preparation only. Roads included under Phase 'A' are targeted for completion by March 2014 and roads under APPRH are targeted for completion by March, 2015. Allocation of funds is made for the entire programme and not State wise. The allocation made during last three years and the current year is as indicated below:-

Year Amount (Rs. crore)

2009-10	1200
2010-11	1500
2011-12	1950
2012-13	2000

(c) & (d) A road length of 1052 kms out of 3771km sanctioned by this Ministry, has so far been completed under SARDP-NE. The slow progress of works under this programme has been mainly due to the delay in land acquisition, shifting of utilities and forest clearances by the concerned State Government Departments. Due to the delay, regular site visit by the senior officers of the Ministry and regular reviews of the projects are being taken up at various levels in the government to review the progress of project and to resolve the issues of implementation. In addition, the Ministry has recently set up three Project Implementation Unit (PIUs) headed by a Chief Engineer in the North Eastern Region in order to expedite the implementation of the programme. All roads under the programme are targeted for completion by March 2017.

(e) No reports of irregularities has been received.