

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

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SPECIAL ACCELERATED ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR NORTH EAST

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

(a) whether the Government has decided to connect all State Capitals of North –East by June, 2016 under the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North–East (SARDP-NE);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the average construction work undertaken in the said programme during the last three years and the current year; (

(c) whether there is any delay in the projects taken up under the programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the reasons therefor and the action taken or being taken by the Government for timely completion of these projects?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has formulated the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North-East (SARDP-NE), for upgradation of 10141 km road stretches of National Highways and State Roads in the year 2005-06 which includes upgrading of National Highways connecting State Capital to 2/4 lanes. Out of 10141 km of roads included under SARDP- NE, 6418 km has been approved by the Government for implementation under Phase 'A' and the Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads and Highways and balance 3723 km has been approved only for preparation of DPR under Phase 'B' of SARDP- NE. The Phase A and Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads and Highways of SARDP-NE is targeted for completion by March 2017. The works undertaken in the said programme during the last three years and the current year and works completed is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) There are delays in completion of works in all states of North–East due to delay in Land Acquisition, Environment and Forest clearance and in some cases delays due to poor mobilisation by the Contractors. Non performing Contractors have been debarred for future participation in the works. In addition, Ministry has posted one Additional Director General for North Eastern Region at Guwahati and will be assisted by three Chief Engineers posted at Guwahati, Agartala and Itanagar respectively to expedite the pre-construction activities for timely completion of projects.