

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ADB FUNDED PROJECTS IN NER
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) funded highway projects in the North Eastern Region States along with the time schedule for completion of the projects;
- (b) whether the progress of the project is going on as per the schedule ;
- (c) If so, the present status thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ;
- (d) whether the ADB review mission has visited these projects in October, 2014 and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken for compliance of their findings; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by his Ministry for timely completion of the ADB funded projects ?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (Dr. Jitendra Singh)

(a) to (c) The ADB assisted North East States Road Investment Programme (NESRIP), was approved by the Government at a total cost of Rs. 1353.83 crore or \$298.2 million (@ \$1 = INR 45.4) for construction and upgradation of approximately 433.7 km of roads, including bridges in six North Eastern States of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura. Out of this cost, US \$ 200.00 million is loan from ADB. The project period is five years and loan disbursement will be made by the ADB until June, 2021. Works are in progress in the Tranche I states. Except for Tranche II works of Assam, contracts have been entrusted for works in all the Tranche II States. Details of the roads taken up in each State is given below :-

State	Road No.	Name of road	Length in kms.
Assam	AS-37 C	Barpeta to Kalitakuchi	58.5
	AS-11	Bilaspara to Fakiragram (NH-31)	16.2
Meghalaya	MLN-1	Garobada to Dalu (NH 51)	93.4
Sikkim	SK-01	Meli (from km 17.10) to Nayabazar	9.5
	SK-02	Nayabazar to Namchi	19.7
Assam	AS-02	Tamulpur to Paneri	43.0
	AS-03	Paneri to Udalguri	18.6
	AS-02-03	Major bridges, 5 nos. {4nos. on Tamulpur to Paneri (AS -02) and 1.3 1 no. on Paneri to Udalguri (AS -03)}	
Manipur	MN-06	Tupul (NH 53) to Bishnupur	52.2
	MN-06	Thoubal to Kasom Khullen	41.0
Mizoram	MZ-02	Serchhip to Buarpui	55.0
Tripura	TR-02	Udaipur (NH44) to Melaghar	20.3
	TOTAL		428.70

(d) The ADB review mission visited some of the projects from 13th - 17th October, 2014 to review progress of the NESRIP project. The Mission held discussions with officials of the State Governments and Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (M/o DoNER) .The findings of the review mission for slow progress are the delayed fund release from Ministry of DoNER to state Governments, delayed disbursement of ADB loan, internal fund flows in State governments, direct payment from ADB, land acquisition process for Assam subproject under Project 1 and reassessment of land requirements for Assam subproject under Project 2.

A National Level Steering Committee (NLSC) meeting was held in the Ministry on the 5th December, 2014 in which issues like release of funds from Ministry of DoNER to the States, internal fund flows in state governments, land acquisition issues for the road projects in the States were discussed and all NESRIP Project Directors of the States were advised for compliance. All the pending bills of the States have been released by the Ministry of DoNER and disbursal from ADB's loan account has reached its targeted amount for the current calendar year.

(e) Steps taken up for timely completion of the project include request for additional funds on the basis of requirements; instructions to the States for timely requisition of funds and completion of land acquisition on time; execution of the projects as per schedule through

close monitoring by Construction Supervision Consultants (CSCs), Project Implementation Units (PIUs), Project Management Unit (PMU) and regular review by the National Level Steering Committee (NLSC) for resolving problems that may arise.