

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5208  
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LOANS FROM ADB  
Kambhampati Dr. Hari Babu

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether Government proposes to avail loans from Asian Development Bank (ADB) to improve road connectivity in North Eastern Region; and

(b) If so, the details thereof along with the road projects likely to be funded by ADB in the North Eastern Region?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) ADB loan of about US \$200 million is proposed to be availed for construction of National Highways-39 from Imphal-Moreh including an alternate alignment and a bridge over Mechi River at India-Nepal border. Further, under the Rural Connectivity Investment Program- Tranche III, it is proposed to seek ADB assistance of US \$ 50.54 million for construction of about 487 km of roads in Assam. These proposed loans are in addition to the existing loans from ADB for the following on-going projects/program :

(i) 'North-Eastern State Roads Investment Program' with ADB loan assistance of \$ 200 million, reconstruction/upgrading of approximately 436 kms of roads in North-Eastern States is under implementation.

(ii) Under the Rural Connectivity Investment Program-Tranche – I and II, construction of 309 km of roads in Assam with ADB loan assistance of US \$ 78 million is underway.

(iii) Under the South Asia Sub regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Road Connectivity Investment Program- Tranche-1' which envisages construction of about 314 km of roads in North Bengal and North-eastern Region of the country, ADB will provide loan of US \$ 300 million. The loan has recently been signed with ADB. Construction of roads will commence shortly.