

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA**

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ROAD LINKAGES TO NER STATES
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that road connectivity to the North-Eastern States is in a very poor condition and is also not properly maintained despite funds being provided for the purpose to the agencies concerned; and

(b) if so, the expeditious action taken/likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region [General (Dr.) V.K. Singh (Retd.)]

(a)and (b) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is responsible for maintenance of National Highways (NHs) whereas the maintenance of State Roads is the responsibility of concerned State Governments. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways allocates funds for maintenance of NHs depending upon inter-se priority based on road condition and availability of funds. Ministry of Finance allocates funds generally of the order of only 50% of the requirement projected as per norms for better maintenance of roads in the country including north eastern region (NER). However, projects are being monitored closely through periodic reviews at the field level as well as the Head Quarters in the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways to keep the NHs in a traffic worthy condition.