

Ministry of Development of North-East Region

## Transportation Infrastructure for North Eastern States

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Transportation and other infrastructure play important role in development, particularly in the North Eastern States.

Indian Railways have laid great emphasis on improvement in railway infrastructure in the North Eastern Region. 20 major railway projects consisting of 13 new lines, 2 gauge conversions and 5 doublings having aggregate length of 2624 kms have been taken up.

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has formulated the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE). SARDP-NE Phase 'A' covering 4099 kms and Arunachal Pradesh Package of Roads and Highways covering 2319 kms, is presently under implementation. In addition, improvement of roads in the States of Assam and Meghalaya has been taken up. Construction of Greenfield Airport at Pakyong (PDC-Sept.2017) and operational sirport at Tezu (PDC-Sept.2018) have been taken.

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region recently sanctioned the project proposal for protection of Majuli Island from flood and erosion of river Brahmaputra under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources – Central (NLCPR-Central).

Ministry of DoNER is also sanctioning infrastructure projects under its schemes Non- Lapsable Central Pool of Resources, Social and Infrastructure Development Fund and through the North Eastern Council for bridging gaps in infrastructure.

This was stated by the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh in written reply to a question by Shri Lal Sinh Vadodia in the Rajya Sabha today.

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