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Government of Assam
Planning and Development Department
Dispur, Guwahati

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No. PDP 57/2015/192

Dated Dispur the 11th May, 2016

From : Sri Jogesh Das
Addl. Director (P C)
Planning & Development Department

Ojo Addl Chief Secy
Govt. of Assam
P.W.D. (R, B, NH)
Dispur, Guwahati-6
Dy. No... 485...
Date... 11/5/16..

Dy No. 1860
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- To :
1. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam PWD (R, B, NH) Deptt
 2. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Information & Technology Deptt
 3. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Power Deptt
 4. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Guwahati Development Deptt
 5. The Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Transport Department.

Sub :- Hon'ble PM's meeting with the Chief Ministers of North Eastern States.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting taken by Hon'ble Prime Minister with Chief Ministers of North Eastern States on 15th July, 2015 which is self - Explanatory.

You are requested to kindly furnish the latest status on the state specific issues as mentioned in the minutes of the meeting pertaining to your department to Planning & Development Department on or before 20th May, 2016 for onward submission to the NITI Aayog, New Delhi.

This may be treated as most urgent.

Encl :- As stated above

Yours faithfully

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Addl. Director (PC)

Planning & Development Department

Dated Dispur the 11th May, 2016

Memo No PDP 57/2015/192-A

Copy to:-

1. PS to Additional Chief Secretary, Planning & Development Department for kind information of Addl Chief Secretary.
2. The Additional Director, NLCPR, Planning & Development Department with a request for similar action as mentioned above.
3. The Chief of Division, NEC, Planning & Development Department with a request for similar action as mentioned above.

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Additional Director (PC)
Planning & Development Department

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No 13048/36/2015-SP (NE)
NITI Aayog
(States Plans -NRE Division)



Sansad Marg, New Delhi
Dated 7th April, 2016

To,
The Principal Secretary (Planning),
Government of Assam,
Dispur.

Subject: Hon'ble PM's meeting with the Chief Ministers of North Eastern States.

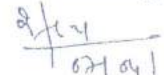
Sir,

Reference is invited to NITI Aayog's letter of even number dated 23rd September 2015 on the subject mentioned above enclosing therewith the minutes of the Meeting of Hon'ble Prime Minister with Chief Ministers of North Eastern States held on 15th July, 2015 at Prime Minister's official residence, New Delhi (Letter enclosed for ready reference).

The information was requested on the State level issues, if any, that is hindering the progress of development in the State, for further action in the matter.


The information in this regard is still awaited. You are requested to kindly provide the required information at the earliest to NITI Aayog. This may kindly be treated Most Urgent as the progress of development in North Eastern States is likely to be reviewed soon in a high level Meeting.

Yours faithfully,


07/04/16
(Jitendra Kumar)
Adviser (States)

Encl: As Above

To the Secretary
Government of Assam
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M-13048/36/2015-SP (NE)
NITI Aayog
(State Plans-North East Division)

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Sansad Marg, New Delhi
Dated: 23rd September 2015

To,
The Principal Secretary (Planning),
Government of Assam,
Dispur.

Subject: Hon'ble PM's meeting with the Chief Ministers of North Eastern States.


Please find enclosed minutes of the meeting of Hon'ble Prime Minister with Chief Ministers of North Eastern States held on 15th July 2015 at Prime Minister's official residence, New Delhi. In this meeting several issues were highlighted relating to development of North East.

One of the important decision that was taken in the meeting is that the State Government and the concerned Ministry would collectively work for addressing development issues of the NE States and also for taking corrective measures for timely implementation of planned projects. In this regard, letters to the concerned Ministries regarding the pending issues have been sent requesting them to provide the details of the steps taken.

In the meeting, it was mentioned that The State Level Empowered Committee for Project Monitoring of Central Sector Projects led by Chief Secretary may proactively remove State level impediments in programme implementation.

It is requested to provide us the state level issues, if any, that is hindering the progress of developmental issues of the State, for further action in the matter.

Encl : As above.


(B.K. Pandey)
Adviser (SP-NE)

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No.M-12043/18/2015-CSS & CMC
NITI Aayog
(CSS & CMC Division)

Sansad Marg, New Delhi – 110001,

August 25, 2015

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the PM's meeting with the Chief Ministers of North Eastern States held on 15th July, 2015 at Panchavati, 7, RCR, New Delhi.

The undersigned is directed to circulate the minutes of the meeting of the Chief Ministers of North Eastern States held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister on 15th July, 2015 at Panchavati, 7, RCR, New Delhi, for kind information.


(B.B.Sharma)
Director (CSS & CMC)

Ad. CMC
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Encl: As above

To

The Chief Ministers of North Eastern States (as per the list)

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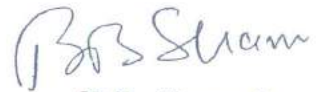
1. PS to Finance Minister, North Block, New Delhi
2. PS to Minister, Road Transport & Highways, Parivahan Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi
3. PS to MoS (I/C), Planning, NITI Aayog, New Delhi
4. PS to MoS (I/C), DONER, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
5. Principal Secretary to PM, South Block, New Delhi
6. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi
7. Secretary, DONER, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
8. Chairman, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi
9. Addl. Principal Secretary to PM, South Block, New Delhi
10. Addl. Secretary, Deptt of Expenditure, M/o Finance North Block, New Delhi
11. Jt. Secretary(PMO)-(Dr. T.V.Somanathan), South Bloch, New Delhi
12. Jt. Secretary(PMO)-(Shri Tarun Bajaj), South Bloch, New Delhi
13. Jt. Secretary(PMO)-(Shri A.K.Sharma), South Bloch, New Delhi
14. Director (PMO)-(Shri Brajendra Navnit), South Bloch, New Delhi

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2. PS to Member(BD), NITI Aayog, New Delhi
3. PS to Member(VKS), NITI Aayog, New Delhi
4. Sr. PPS to CEO, NITI Aayog, New Delhi
5. PS to Adviser, Governing Council Secretariat, NITI Aayog, New Delhi
6. PS to Adviser (E&F), NITI Aayog, New Delhi



(B.B. Sharma)
Director (CSS & CMC)

NITI Aayog
(CSS & CMC Division)

Subject: Minutes of the PM's meeting with the Chief Ministers of North Eastern States.

Date : 15th July 2015 (7.00 PM)

Venue : Prime Minister's official residence, 7 Race Course Road, New Delhi

List of participants is at Annexure-A.

1. Opening the meeting, Prime Minister emphasized and reiterated the resolve of the Union Government to ensure rapid and sustainable development of the region. Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog welcomed all the participants. Thereafter, a presentation was made by the CEO, NITI Aayog on the infrastructure projects taken up by the Central Government in the North Eastern States. A copy of the presentation circulated to the attendees is at Annexure-B as a part of these minutes.
2. The Chief Ministers of Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura, while welcoming the higher devolution as per the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission expressed concerns regarding discontinuation of "special category" status for NE States and significantly lower plan transfers due to discontinuation of block grants such as Special Central Assistance (SCA), Special Plan Assistance (SPA) and Normal Central Assistance (NCA). They further pointed out that the proposed changes in funding pattern for Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) may affect the on-going momentum of development activities in the NE States. They requested for restoration of "special category" status, continuation of NCA, SCA and SPA and also no change in the existing funding pattern of CSSs for NE States.
3. The State-specific issues were also highlighted in the meeting, some of which are given below:
 - opening of border trade points for promoting international trade,
 - construction of roads along international border,
 - construction of border roads by central agencies,
 - re-look at the proposed alignment of the rail link to connect India to South East Asia,

- re-look at the route for East-West Corridor in NER,
- construction of another airport in Nagaland,
- The funding pattern for NLCPR/NEC projects to be changed into 100 % central funding,
- Provision of "Road Maintenance Fund" for roads constructed under NLCPR/NEC from NLCPR/NEC.
- re-assessment of projected GSDP, Tax-GSDP ratio and State's own revenue,
- need of central assistance for implementation of on-going mega infrastructure and other projects,
- variation in projected share of central taxes and actual inflow in the first quarter of 2015-16,
- Land acquisition for the proposed Pakyong airport in Sikkim,
- Proper maintenance of National Highways,
- evacuation of surplus power produced in States,
- rail connectivity through Bangladesh,
- converting Tripura airport into an international airport,
- proper use of abandoned airports,
- Provision of four lanes for important National Highways.

The following decisions were taken in the meeting:-

- The concerned Ministry and the States may collectively work for addressing development issues of the NE States and also for taking corrective measures for timely implementation of planned projects.
- All remaining un-electrified villages should be provided electricity at the earliest.
- All villages without mobile connectivity should be covered with mobile connectivity at the earliest.
- The State Level Empowered Committee for Project Monitoring of Central Sector Projects led by Chief Secretary may proactively remove State level impediments in programme implementation.

Annexure-A

List of Participants of PM's Meeting with the Chief Ministers of North Eastern States held on July 15, 2015 at 07.00 PM (Wednesday) at Panchavati, 7, RCR, New Delhi

SI. No.	Name of Participant	Designation
NITI Aayog		
1.	Shri Narendra Modi	Prime Minister, Chairman
2.	Dr. Arvind Panagariya	Vice Chairman
3.	Shri Bibek Debroy	Full-Time Member
4.	Smt. Sindhushree Khullar	CEO
Cabinet Ministers (Ex-Officio Member)		
5.	Shri Arun Jaitley	Finance Minister
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways		
6.	Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Minister (RT&H)
Ministry of Planning		
7.	Rao Inderjit Singh	MOS (I/C), Planning
Ministry of DONER		
8.	Dr. Jitendra Singh	MOS (I/C), DONER
Chief Ministers of States		
9.	Shri T.R Zeliang	CM, Nagaland
10.	Shri Lalthara	Sr. Adviser to CM, Nagaland
11.	Shri Pawan Kumar Chamling	CM, Sikkim
12.	Shri S.C. Gupta	Additional CS, Sikkim
13.	Shri Manik Sarkar	CM, Tripura
14.	Shri Praveen Srivastava	Chief RC, Tripura
15.	Shri Lalsawta	Finance Minister, Mizoram
16.	Dr. Ranbir Singh	RC, Mizoram
Officers from PMO		
17.	Shri Nripendra Misra	Principal Secretary to PM
18.	Dr. P.K. Mishra	Additional Principal Secretary to PM
19.	Dr. T.V.Somanthan	Joint Secretary, PMO
20.	Shri Tarun Bajaj	Joint Secretary, PMO
21.	Shri A.K.Sharma	Joint Secretary, PMO
22.	Shri Brijesh Pandey	DS (B), PMO
23.	Shri J. Thakkar	PRO
24.	Shri Sharat Chander	IO

Officers from GOI

	Shri Pradeep Kumar Sinha	Cabinet Secretary
26.	Shri A.K. Mital	Chairman, Railway Board
27.	Shri R. Vijay Kumar	Secretary, DONER
28.	Shri A.N. Jha	Addl. Secy. Expenditure
Officers from NITI Aayog		
29.	Shri Alok Kumar	Adviser, NITI Aayog
30.	Shri Jitendra Kumar	Adviser, NITI Aayog

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Annexure - B

Presentation on Infrastructure Development in
North-Eastern States



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Meeting of Chief Ministers of North Eastern Region

NITI Aayog
New Delhi
15th July 2015

Presentation Agenda



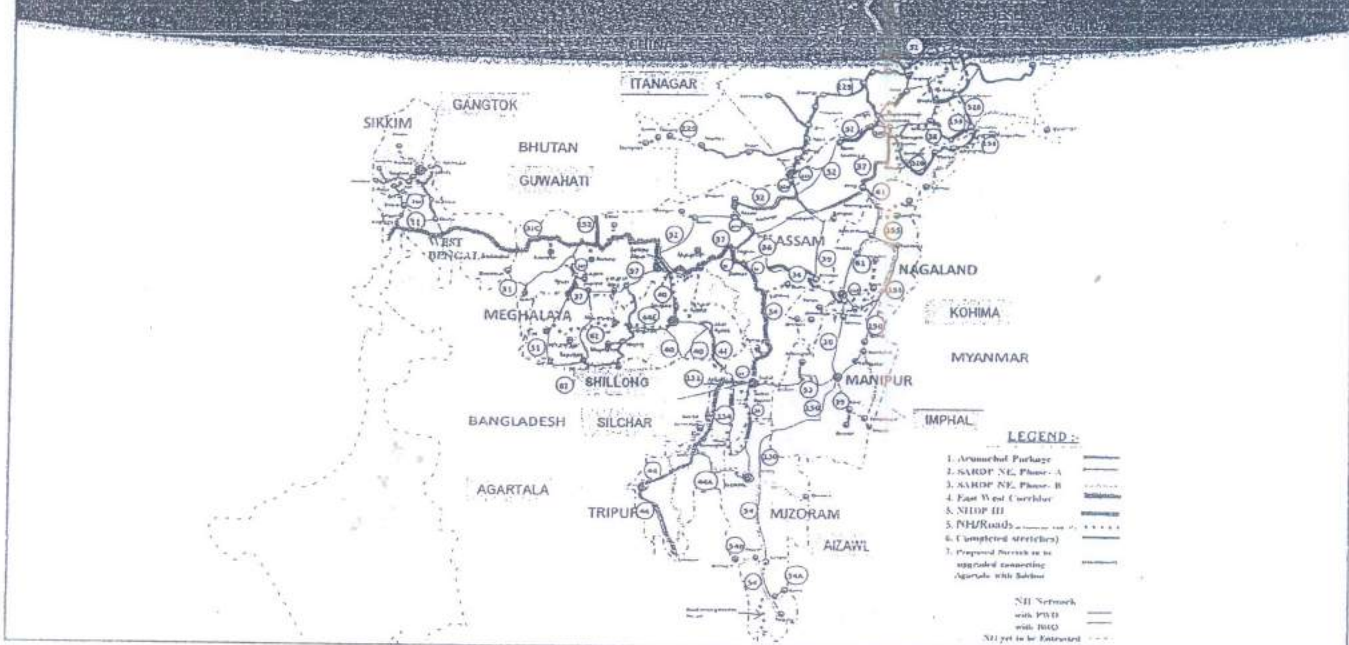
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- ☞ *Digital Connectivity*
- ☞ *Power and Energy*

Physical Connectivity



Type of Connectivity	Method through Which Achieved
Connectivity within States	Improvement of State Highways and National Highways /Development of Railways/Inland Waterways
Connectivity within Region	Roads/Railways/Airports
Connectivity with the Rest of the Country	East West Corridor (Silchar – Porbandar) Railways/Airports
Connectivity with Neighbouring Countries	Agartala-Akhaura (Tripura – Bangladesh) Rail Link/Kaladan Multimodal Project (Myanmar – Mizoram)

Major Road Development Programmes in North East Region



Roads

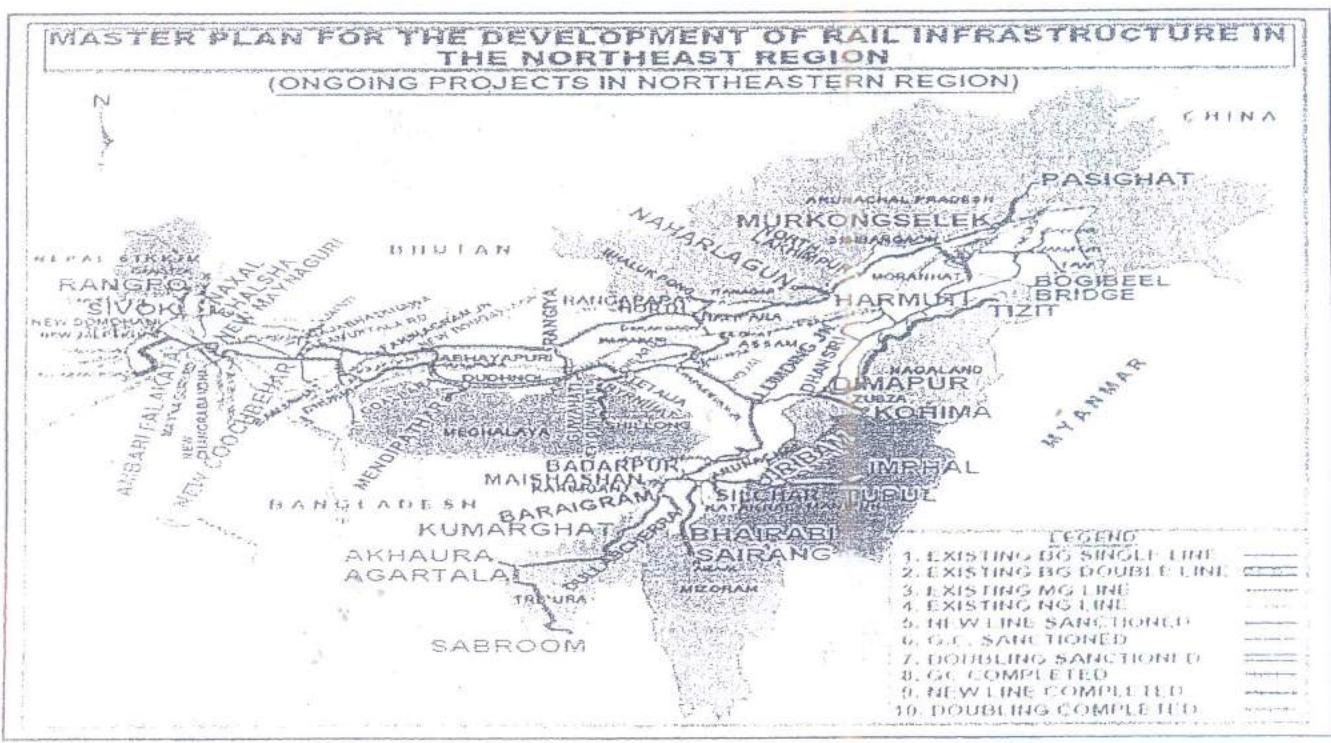
East West Corridor In NE, length is 680 km of which 575 km (85%) is complete. To be completed by December, 2016

Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the NE (SARDP-NE) : Aims to Connect 88 District HQs in the NE by minimum two lane Highways

	Total Length	Work Sanctioned / Awarded	Length Completed
Phase A (Rs 21,769 cr)	4099 (NH-3014 km, State Roads-1085km)	2989 (73%)	1543 (38%)
Arunachal Package (Rs 11,919 cr)	2319	1495 (64%)	223 (10%)
Total (Rs 33,688 cr)	6418	4484 (70%)	1766 (28%)

Overall District Level Picture

Districts Connected: 23	Districts Sanctioned: 35	Districts to be Sanctioned: 30
Target 2015-16:	Award 1202 km	Construction: 600 km



Status of Capital Connectivity by Rail in NE Region



SN	State	Capitals	Project	Target Date Commissioning
1	Arunachal Pradesh	Naharlagun (Itanagar)	Harmuti - Naharlagun	Commissioned on 29.03.2014
2	Tripura	Agartala*	LMG - SCL GC Kumarghat-Agartala	27.03.2015 Mar 2016
3	Manipur	Imphal	Jiribam - Imphal	Jiribam-Tupul-Mar'17 Tupul-Imphal-Mar'19
4	Mizoram	Aizawl	Bhairabi - Sairang (Aizawl)	Mar 2018
5	Nagaland	Kohima	Dimapur - Zubza (Kohima)	Mar 2020
6	Meghalaya	Shillong	Tetelia - Byrnihat Byrnihat - Shillong	Mar 2017 Mar 2020**
7	Sikkim	Gangtok (Rangpo)	Sivok - Rangpo	Mar 2020***

* Already connected with MG in Aug 2008.

** Work stopped since Nov 2010 due to agitation by Khasi Student Union. Work restarted since 07.01.2015.

*** Mahananda wild life clearance awaited from MoEF.

Rail Development in the North East



Recent Successes

1. Arunachal on Rail Map (Harmuti – Naharlagun : 29.03.2014).
2. Meghalaya on Rail Map (Dudhnoi – Mendipathar : 06.08.2014).
3. Completion of Rangiya – Murkongselek (505 Km. North Brahmaputra Gauge Conversion (GC) project): 08.05.2015.
4. Completion of Lumding – Silchar GC project : Freight train ran on 27.03.2015 and CRS inspection completed on 23.06.2015.
5. Bogibil Bridge substructure completed. 9th Girder launched on 2.7.2015

Important Targets for 2015-16

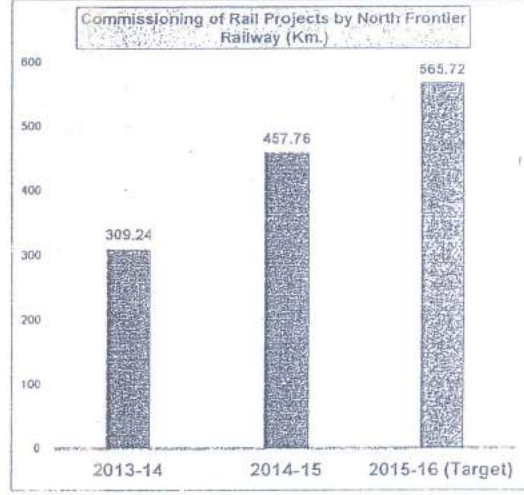
1. Tripura to be brought on BG network: Complete Badarpur – Kumarghat - Agartala Project.
2. Manipur to be brought on BG network: Complete Arunachal (Railway Station) - Jiribam section.
3. Mizoram to be brought on BG network by completing Katakai-Bhairabi section.

Railways : All NE Capitals to be Connected by EC by 2020

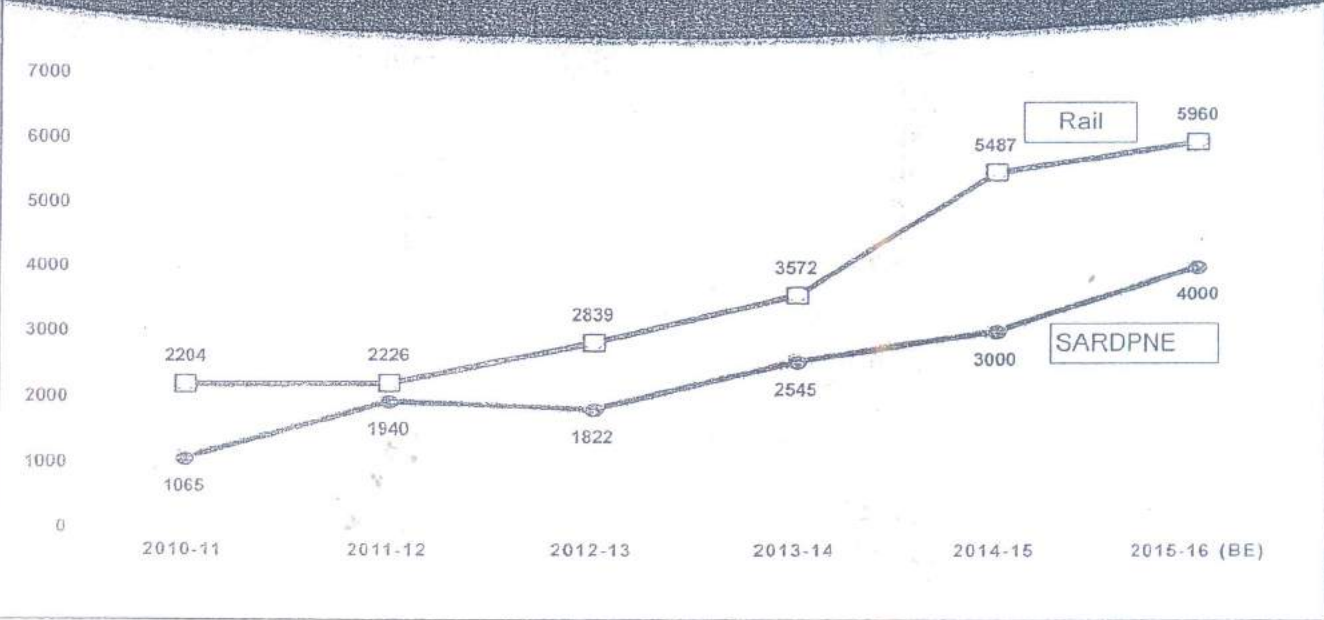


Overall Status of Railway Projects Financials in the NE

Projects in Progress	36
Of which National	11
Total Cost of Projects (Rs. Cr.)	65,184
Expenditure incurred as on 31.03.15 (Rs. Cr)	25,388
Throwforward as on 01.04.15 (Rs. Cr)	39,795



Expenditure Incurred on SARDPNE and Rail Projects in the North East: Impact of Accelerated Funding



Civil Aviation



Airports in NE	
LEGEND	
Operational	(11+1)
Non-Operational	(12)
Greenfield	(3)

* Bagdogra Airport, although in Eastern Region, is included as it is the gateway to North-East including Sikkim State

Status of on-going major works and in Planning stage in NEI (as on June, 2015)



1	Ar. Pradesh	1.Halongi Airport: Land acquisition issue to be settled by the State Govt. 2.Operationalization of Tezu airport: By December, 2016
2	Assam Guwahati	Guwahati being developed as an Inter-Regional hub which will help improve connectivity within region and rest of the country.
3	Sikkim (a) Pakyong	Physical progress – 85%. Compensation amount worked out by state government released by AAI . Completion By September 2017.
3	Manipur Imphal	Extension of Apron : By Dec, 2015.
4	Meghalaya (a) Shillong	Boundary wall for newly acquired land. Installation of ILS. Construction of New Control Tower cum Fire Station.
5	Various Works in Planning Stages at various airports of the NE by AAI related to development of terminal building, cargo complex, control towers, construction of hangars and installation of Instrument Landing System (ILS) and works related to operationalization of Non-operational airports	

Physical Connectivity: Taking Advantage of Infrastructure Creation



1. Need for Increasing frequency of rail services within the NE region for fast inter-city travel
2. Increasing Internal Migration from NE to different parts of the country has led to demands for:
 - Speeding up long-distance trains from Guwahati and Dibrugarh to South and West of the Country which are some of the longest journeys (Vivek Express from Dibrugarh to Kanyakumari takes 3.5 days covering 4273 kms)
 - Increasing frequency of Rajdhani and other Mail Express trains to Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Pune, Jaipur and other major cities
3. Need for increasing flights, within the region and with airports in other parts of the country – Hub and spoke operations
4. Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG)/Regional Connectivity policy guidelines from MoCA for facilitating regional flights in NE and other remote regions of the country

Vision 2022: Digitally Connected India



**Broadband:
Broadband for a
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**Universal Access:
Mobile Connectivity
to Every Village**

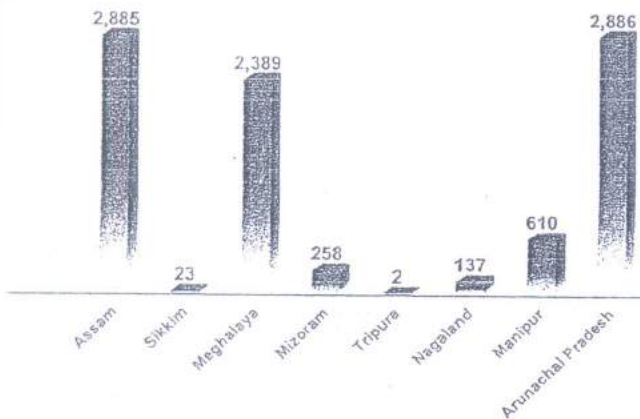
**Facilitating Public
Wi-Fi:
Urban Areas and
Tourist Places**

India grows by 1.08% points for every 10% increase in internet subscribers- Potential economic benefit (GDP growth) of Rs. 23,26,275 crore



Status of Mobile Connectivity

VILLAGES WITHOUT MOBILE CONNECTIVITY



- 9190 villages do not have mobile connectivity;
- 75 Block Headquarters do not have mobile connectivity;
 - Arunachal Pradesh : 70
 - Nagaland : 4
 - Manipur : 1

- Rural teledensity in North-East (except Assam) is nearly equal to national average whereas urban teledensity is above national level.
- Growth in teledensity in North-East (except Assam) in the last three years is higher than increase in national teledensity.

Major Infrastructure Projects Initiatives: Telecom



- Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan : (At a cost of Rs. 5340 Cr. Funded from USOF, Completion by December, 2017)
 - Mobile connectivity to uncovered villages
 - Seamless connectivity along the National Highways
 - Augmentation of optical fibre connectivity for District connectivity
- National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) – Block HQs to Gram Panchayat connectivity
- Alternate international Internet connectivity through Bangladesh

Improving Reliability of Internet Connection in NE



1. Alternative Link through Bangladesh

- Region has only one OFC – Dharmanagar – Shillong – Kolkata link which is often affected by natural disasters
- Access to the Internet backbone gateway passing through Cox's Bazaar (Bangladesh) will improve speed and reliability of internet in North East. Commercial Agreement between BSNL and BSCCL signed in Dhaka on June 6, 2015 in presence of both Prime Ministers.
- Capital expenditure on Indian side of Rs. 20 crore to be funded by Central Government. Opex to be borne by BSNL.



2. Redundancy in OFC Network to improve reliability

- BSNL and PGCIL agreed to share infrastructure to enable redundant OFC to connect state capital on electricity transmission lines of PGCIL.
- To be Commissioned by December, 2015

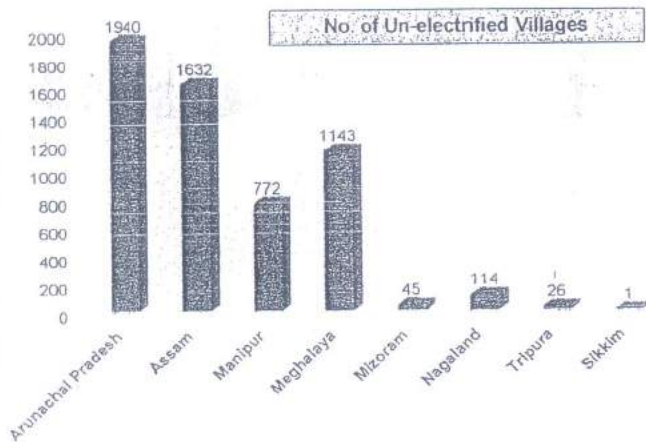
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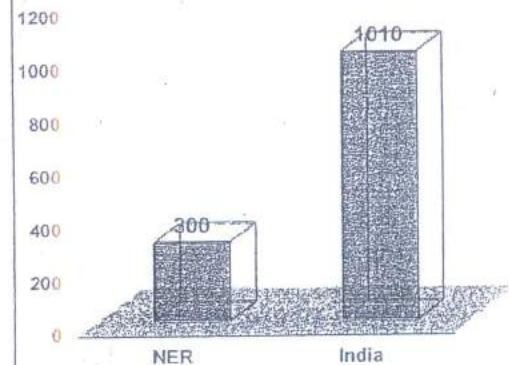
➤ **891 Km National Waterway-2 on River Brahmaputra along with Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route provides safe, cheap and eco-friendly route for carriage of people and commodities.**

- IWAI maintains Navigability of 2.0-2.5 meter depth along with navigation aids on the NW-2
- IWAI procuring additional equipment such as dredgers and work boats
- 20 Floating terminals for passengers on the Brahmaputra funded by MoShipping have been commissioned by March 2014. Another 15 will be commissioned by December, 2016.
- **IWAI is developing:**
 - A Ro-Ro Terminal at Dhubri and Hatsingimari (opposite bank of Brahmaputra) to reduce travel time of vehicles between Meghalaya and Dhubri in Assam which now have to go over Jogighopa bridge covering a distance of 220 km - TDC – August, 2016
 - Ship repair facility at Pandu (Guwahati). TDC December, 2017.

Power and Energy



Per Capita Power Consumption in kWh*



➤ Electrification Targets: Arunachal Pradesh/Assam by 2019, Manipur/ Meghalaya by 2018, rest by 2017 (Sikkim by 2016).

*Based on approximate figures.

Power Generation



➤ Resource rich North East has very high hydro-power generation potential.

➤ A number of Central projects in generation and transmission have been approved.

➤ Need for expeditious Environmental Clearances of hydro projects. Delays primarily due to land public support issues (Lower Subansari) and Basin studies

➤ In Arunachal Pradesh, 189 potential projects of 58149 MW capacity have been identified, out of which 159 projects were allotted to various developers.

➤ Basinal studies by MoEF & CC have imposed environmental conditionalities, leading to curtailment of potential Projects

Figures in (MW)	Present	Under Development	Untapped Potential
Hydro	1,911	5,576	55,117
Thermal	2,101	811	-
Renewable	315	-	-
Total	4,327	6,387	55,117

Transmission and Distribution



1. In order to evacuate power from NE, a 6000 MW HVDC Bipole line from Biswanath Chariyalli to Agra is under execution. Expected to be completed by September, 2015.
2. "Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening of Transmission & Distribution system in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim" with an estimated cost of Rs. 4,754.42 crore has been approved
3. GOI has also approved scheme "Strengthening of the Intra State Transmission & Distribution system" at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,111.33 crore for the other NE six states.

NE Infrastructure: A Hub for Act East Policy



1. PM's visit to Bangladesh reinforced the need for connectivity by road, rail, rivers, sea, transmission lines, communication links and petroleum pipelines between rest of the country to NE through Bangladesh
 - Bangladesh has already allowed transit of power equipment and food grain through the riverine route to NE from other parts of the country
2. There is need for connectivity of some NE airports with SE Asian cities, especially Imphal/Agartala to Myanmar.

Support Required from NE States in Speedy Implementation of Infrastructure



1. State Level Empowered Committee for Project Monitoring of Central Sector Projects led by Chief Secretaries need to proactively remove state level impediments
2. LA has to be fully supported. Cost of LA has increased in many projects making them unviable. States may review such cases
3. Forest, wildlife clearances and RoW at State Level need to be speedily processed
4. Law & Order for protection of project personnel and property is a fundamental requirement which has to be ensured by the states including facilitating easy movement of project material and personnel to project sites

Support Required from NE States in Speedy Implementation of Infrastructure



Central Agencies have increased funding in NER. States' cooperation will be required in achieving even better output in road, rail, airports, inland waterways, telecom and hydro generation making NE into a major hub of development.

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