

NHIDCL Started Work for Better Road Connectivity in NE Region

The National Highway & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) has started development work in NER and so far projects aggregation to 1188km at a cost of Rs.14,830 Crore.

The improvement of NH 27 (old NH-54) connecting Dima Hasao and Cachar districts aggregating to about 130km is in progress as part of East West Corridor. Improvement of about 166km of NH-6 (62km of old NH-40 & 104km of old NH-44) in the Meghalaya is in progress. For improvement and maintenance of Malidhar-Badarpur section of NH-6 (old NH-44) of about 33km and for Dhaleswari-Bilkawthlir section of NH-6 (old NH-154) aggregating to about 147km works have been sanctioned by the Ministry and are in various stage of progress. In respect of Badarpur – Sabroom section of NH-8 (old NH-44) aggregating to about 387km, works for its improvement and maintenance have been sanctioned by the Ministry except for a length of about 114 km between Churaibari and Agartala.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways in the Country. The maintenance & repair of National Highways is a continuous process the National Highways in the North-Eastern Region are kept in traffic worthy condition from time to time within the available resources. The total amount of funds allocated and expenditure incurred on the repair and maintenance of NHs in the North Eastern Region during the last three years and the current year is Rs.979.92 Crore and Rs.612.61 Crore respectively.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways Shri Pon. Radhakrishnan in written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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