

Cabinet approves North East Road Network Connectivity Project Phase I

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for development of 403 kms of National Highways in Meghalaya and Mizoram. Out of 403 km, approximately 52 kms will be in Meghalaya and 351 km in Mizoram. The project will be executed in EPC Mode.

The estimated cost is Rs 6,721 crore including cost of land acquisition, resettlement and other pre-construction activities.

The projects will be taken up for implementation during the financial year 2017-18. The civil works are expected to be completed by 2021 and maintenance works are expected to be completed by 2025.

The projects will encourage sub-regional socio-economic development by improvement of infrastructure in Meghalaya and Mizoram. It will also enhance the connectivity with inter-state roads and International Borders.

The work for development to two lane standards are under scheme "North East Road Network Connectivity Project Phase I" with loan assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Background:

The existing carriageway of all the stretches is varying between Single lane to Intermediate lane. The condition of the pavement is very poor and at some locations not in traffic worthy condition. In addition, the stretches are also in poor condition in the landslides areas / sinking zone. Updation and development of these stretches to the two lane with paved shoulders standard will be done.

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