

Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

**LOK SABHA**  
Starred Question No.\*213

To be answered on  
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**QUESTION**

**Development of NER**

\*213. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the various socio-economic challenges and infrastructural constraints being faced in the North-Eastern Region (NER) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the North-Eastern Council (NEC) has taken any steps for the development of the region; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region**  
**[Dr. Jitendra Singh]**

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.\*213 for answer on 01.08.2018**

(a) Assessment of various challenges faced by the North Eastern Region has been undertaken from time to time. All non-exempted Central Ministries have to earmark 10% of the schematic budget for the development of North Eastern Region. There has been constant focus of the Government of India for development of the region through special programmes for social and physical infrastructure development, human resource development, capacity building etc. Development efforts of the states of the region are also being supplemented through more liberal funding pattern of the sectoral developmental schemes and area specific development packages.

(b) and (c) The North Eastern Council (NEC) has taken up various measures for development of the North Eastern Region, including setting up of regional institutes; funding the construction of 10,911.58 kms. of roads; installation of 694.5 MW of power plants and 2540.41 kms. of transmission & distribution lines; improvement of infrastructure in major airports of the region and creating infrastructure for education, healthcare, agriculture, horticulture, tourism, industries etc.

Improving livelihoods for the people of the North East is also a priority area for NEC through North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project (NERCORMP).

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