

**2ND SECTORAL SUMMIT OF THE
NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL
(NEC)
TO
REVIEW ROAD SECTOR PROGRAMMES
IN THE NER**

**KEY NOTE PRESENTATION
BY
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CONNECTIVITY IN THE NER

- **NEED FOR IMPROVING OVERALL CONNECTIVITY IS WELL RECOGNISED**

- **CONNECTIVITY INVOLVES :**
 - **ROADS**
 - **CIVIL AVIATION**
 - **RAILWAYS**
 - **INLAND WATER TRANSPORT**

- **THIS SUMMIT'S FOCUS IS ON :**
 - **ROAD CONNECTIVITY**

THE AGENCIES INVOLVED ARE:

- DEPTT. OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS
- NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (NHAI)
- BORDER ROADS ORGANIZATION (BRO)
- MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
- STATE GOVERNMENTS
- MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EAST REGION (DONER)
- NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL (NEC)

THE SUB-SECTORS ARE:

- NATIONAL HIGHWAYS (NH)
- STATE HIGHWAYS (SH)
- MAJOR DISTRICT ROADS (MDR)
- OTHER DISTRICT ROADS (ODR)
- RURAL ROADS (RR)
- GENERAL STAFF ROADS (GS)

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

FALL WITHIN DORTH DOMAIN

- **NER HAS ABOUT 6,880 KMS OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS OUT OF 66,590 KM ALL OVER INDIA**
- **ENTIRE EXPENDITURE ON CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE BORNE BY DORTH**
- **IMPLEMENTATION BY-**
 - **NHAI**
 - **BRO**
 - **STATE PWDs**
- **SCOPE FOR UPGRADATION & EXPANSION OF NH NETWORK**
- **SCOPE FOR IMPROVING MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

8 STATE PWDs :

RESPONSIBLE FOR 88,061 KMS OF ROADS INCLUDING*

- **5,711 KMS STATE HIGHWAYS**
- **15,154 KMS MAJOR DISTRICT ROADS**
- **32,493 KMS OTHER DISTRICT ROADS**
- **29,264 KMS VILLAGE ROADS**
- **1,983 KMS ARE URBAN ROADS**

***SOURCE – FINAL REPORT ON ADB ASSISTED NORTH EASTERN STATE ROADS PROJECT.**

➤ **BRO RESPONSIBLE FOR 11,375 KMS OF ROADS/INCLUDING**

- DEFENCE ROADS (6,953 KMS)
- NATIONAL HIGHWAYS (2,473 KMS)
- SARDP-NE (483 KMS)
- NEC (141 KMS)
- NLCPR (686 KMS)
- MHA (351 KMS)
- MEA (18 KMS)

ROAD PROGRAMMES

- NHDP-II: EAST-WEST CORRIDOR (678 KM) UPTO SILCHAR – COMPLETION BY DEC., 2008
- NHDP-III: 1,051 KMS IN NER – DPRs UNDER PREPARATION
- SARDP-NE – 1,310 KM UNDER PHASE-A
(NHAI :- 603 KM + BRO :- 492 KM + ASSAM PWD: – 215 KM)
– 6,306 KM UNDER PHASE-B
(MODIFICATIONS UNDER COS CONSIDERATION)
- PMGSY – 14,671.47 KM OF RURAL ROADS
- NLCPR – 3,660 KMS
- NEC – 9,338 KMS

SPECIAL ACCELERATED ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SARDP-NE)

- SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR NER – OBJECTIVE IS TO IMPROVE ROAD CONNECTIVITY.
- AGENCIES INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTATION – NHAI, BRO AND ASSAM PWD.
- PHASE 'A' CLEARED FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND PHASE 'B' CLEARED FOR DPR PREPARATION ONLY.
- ESTIMATED COST OF PHASE 'A' IS RS. 4,618 CRORE.
- TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION-
 - PHASE 'A' – 03/2009
 - PHASE 'B' – ONLY DPR PREPARATION

SARDP-NE

CONTD....

➤ ISSUES

- LAND ACQUISITION DELAYS.
- LACK OF RESPONSE TO BOT (TOLL) IN RESPECT OF NHAI'S 603 KMS.
- STATES DOUBTFUL ABOUT BOT (ANNUITY) ROUTE ALSO.
- ACHIEVEMENT UNDER PHASE 'A' BETWEEN 1 TO 3% ONLY – UPTO 12/2006.
- DUE TO SLOW PROGRESS RS. 450 CRORES UNDER SARDP-NE SURRENDERED (2005-06).
- UPGRADING CAPACITIES OF STATE PWDs NECESSARY.

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)

- PROGRAMME LAUNCHED ON 25TH DEC. 2000 AS 100% CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME
- THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE:
 - ALL 500+ POPULATION HABITATIONS TO BE CONNECTED BY 2007.
 - FOR HILL & NE STATES, DESERT AND TRIBAL AREAS 250+ POPULATION HABITATIONS ALSO TO BE CONNECTED. ALL ROADS IN NER TO BE BLACK-TOPPED.
- SECONDARY OBJECTIVE:
 - TO UPGRADE EXISTING ROADS TO ENSURE ALL WEATHER FARM-TO-MARKET CONNECTIVITY.
- SRRDAs ARE NODAL AGENCIES IN THE STATES.

PMGSY IN NER

CONTD....

- 76% OF INHABITED HABITATIONS WITH POPULATION BELOW 250 PERSONS STILL NOT CONNECTED BY ROAD.
- 37,572 KMS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSTRUCTION/UPGRADATION IN THE NE REGION.
- UPTO OCTOBER 2006, 14,670 KMS OF ROADS SANCTIONED AND 8,662 KMS CONSTRUCTED.
- BHARAT NIRMAN – 9,165 HABITATIONS WITH 1,000+ AND 500+ POPULATION ELIGIBLE IN NER – ESTIMATED COST RS. 7,551 CRORE.

PMGSY ISSUES

CONTD....

- ASSAM, MANIPUR, MEGHALAYA AND TRIPURA – PROGRESS VARIES BETWEEN 29% TO 39% - OTHERS HAVE PERFORMED BETTER.
- VERY SLOW PROGRESS IN BHARAT NIRMAN PHASE IV & V
- STATE GOVTS SLOW IN PREPARING AND SUBMITTING PROPOSALS.
- QUALITY OF PMGSY ROADS GENERALLY POOR
- STATE GOVTS. SLOW IN REPORTING PROGRESS

ABSTRACT OF GRADING STATE-WISE (JULY, 2004 TO SEPTEMBER, 2006)

	STATE	TOTAL INSPS.	COMPLETED WORKS				ONGOING WORKS			
			TOTAL	U	U%	S	TOTAL	U	U%	S
1	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	78	62	45	73%	17	16	13	81%	3
2	ASSAM	580	109	32	29%	77	471	214	45%	257
3	MANIPUR	74	32	12	38%	20	42	24	57%	18
4	MEGHALAYA	137	31	12	39%	19	106	80	75%	26
5	MIZORAM	109	39	26	67%	13	70	35	50%	35
6	NAGALAND	59	25	22	88%	3	34	30	88%	4
7	SIKKIM	92	17	11	65%	6	75	53	71%	22
8	TRIPURA	123	41	13	32%	28	82	46	56%	36

U – UNSATISFACTORY , S -SATISFACTORY

CONTRIBUTION BY DONER

- ROADS FOR NLCPR FUNDING SELECTED FROM ANNUAL PRIORITY LIST SUBMITTED BY STATES.
- 3,660 KMS OF ROADS & BRIDGES FUNDED UNDER NLCPR COMPRISING 30% OF NLCPR BUDGET, INCLUDING -
 - 59 ROADS & BRIDGES COMPLETED AT COST OF RS. 157.44 CRORE.
 - 810 KMS OF PORTER TRACKS AT RS. 8.82 CR.
 - 120 ROADS & BRIDGES UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF RS. 1,390 CRORE.
- 61 ROADS & BRIDGES UNDER TECHNO-ECONOMIC APPRAISAL - ESTIMATED COST RS. 537.48 CRORE.

CONTRIBUTION BY NEC

- NEC, AS PER ITS MANDATE, ACCORDS PRIORITY TO INTER-STATE ROADS.
- SINCE INCEPTION, NEC HAS SUPPORTED 9,338 KMS OF ROADS & BRIDGES – RS. 3,199 CRORES.
- THIS COMPRISES 42% OF NEC'S INVESTMENTS ACROSS ALL SECTORS.
- THUS FAR 7,351 KMS OF ROADS & BRIDGES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED – RS. 2,254.19 CRORES.

NEW INITIATIVES

- DONER AND ADB PREPARING NORTH EAST STATE ROAD PROJECT (NESRP) WHICH AIMS TO UPGRADE ABOUT 1,300 KMS OF ROADS AT A COST OF RS.1,950 CRORES APPROX. TAKE-UP INSTITUTION DEVPT. AND CAPACITY BUILDING OF PROJECT STAFF.
- DONER HAS ALSO MOBILISED ANOTHER ADB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (T.A.) FOR CAPACITY BUILDING OF ALL 8 STATE PWDs.

FEATURES OF NER ROADS

- INADEQUACY OF STATE HIGHWAYS
- RIDING QUALITY & CONDITION OF MAJOR ROADS GENERALLY FAIR TO POOR
- PROBLEM OF SEMI-PERMANENT TIMBER BRIDGES
- ROAD MAINTENANCE DOES NOT RECEIVE ADEQUATE ATTENTION AND FUNDING

FEATURES OF NER ROADS (CONTD.)

- ROAD SAFETY - A MATTER OF CONCERN
- ROAD ALIGNMENT GENERALLY OF LOW STANDARD WITH INADEQUATE ROAD WIDTHS
- NEED FOR EXPOSURE OF STATE ENGINEERS TO MODERN MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

- PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN OF ROADS FOR THE REGION.
- FUNDING PATTERN FOR SARDP-NE ROADS (BOT/BOT ANNUITY).
- CAPACITY BUILDING / HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE PWDs.
- MOBILISING FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF ROAD ASSETS – STATES TO CONSIDER LEGISLATION ON THE LINES OF MIZORAM DRAFT ROAD FUND BILL.

MORE DETAILS IN PRESENTATIONS BY -

➤ DORTH

➤ NHAI

➤ BRO

➤ ASSAM PWD

➤ MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVPT. (PMGSY)

