

CHAPTER VI

DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION

The Ministry has been paying special attention to the development of NH in the north-eastern region and 10 per cent of the total allocation is earmarked for this. The total length of NH in the north-east, including Sikkim, is 6657 km and they are being developed and maintained by three agencies-the state PWDs, the BRO and the NHAI. Of the total length of 6657 km, about 3240 km is with BRO and 2689 km is with the respective state PWDs. The remaining length of 728 km in Assam falls under the East-West Corridor of the NHDP being implemented by NHAI.

On 15 August 2003, the Prime Minister announced that all state capitals in the north-east which are not presently linked with the NHDP network, will be connected through four-lane roads.

As of 30 November 2003, 169 of Plan works on various NHs (excluding works with the BRO) were in progress. In addition, under the CRF, work is in progress on 89 works to the tune of Rs 173.16 crore for the improvement of state roads. Further, 11 works for the improvement of state roads amounting to Rs 63.64 crore under the centrally-sponsored scheme of roads of economic importance and inter-state connectivity are also in progress.

A length of 1941 km out of a total length of 2689 km has already been improved or is under improvement under the IRQP.

The state-wise details of works in the north-east region are given below:

Arunachal Pradesh

There are three NH-52A, 52 and 153 totalling 392 km in the state. The density of NH per lakh of population is 35.35 as against the all-India average of 5.7.

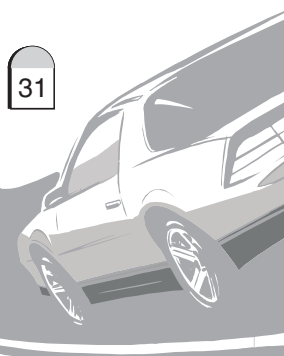
As of 30 November 2003, five improvement works amounting to Rs 11.99 crore, including one Rs 4.36 crore work sanctioned during the current year, are in progress. These cover a length of 20 km of NH-153 (the only NH with the state PWD) out of the total length of 32 km.



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Against an allocation of Rs 3 crore for the development of NH during the current year, the expenditure up to November 2003 was Rs 58 lakh.

Under the CRF, 19 works for the improvement of state roads amounting to Rs 51.67 crore have been taken up so far. The state government has utilised Rs 19.12 crore against the total accrual in the CRF of Rs 42.50 crore up to 2003-04. This has led to the completion of two works costing Rs 1.61 crore. In addition, one work costing Rs 13.58 crore is in progress under the centrally-sponsored scheme of roads of economic importance and inter-state connectivity, which is expected to be completed by March 2005.

Assam

There are 21 NH-31B, 31C, 31, 36, 37A, 37, 38, 39, 44, 51, 52A, 52B, 52, 53, 54, 61, 62, 151, 152, 153 and 154 totalling 2836 km passing through the state. The density of NH per lakh of population is 10.7.

As of 30 November 2003, 55 improvement works of the value of Rs 174.41 crore-including 22 improvement works amounting to Rs 71.03 crore sanctioned during the current year are in progress.

Against the allocation of Rs 70 crore for the development of NH during the current year, the expenditure up to November 2003 was Rs 56.71 crore. So far, a length of 757 km out of total length of 1283 km (under the jurisdiction of state PWD) has already been improved or is being improved under the various improvement programmes, including IRQP

A length of 728 km of NH covering 31C, 31, 37, 36 and 54 starting from the Assam-West Bengal border at Srirampur and joining Guwahati, Nagaon and Silchar in Assam falls under East-West corridor of the NHDP. The NHAI is in the process of awarding the works, which are targeted for completion by 2007.

Under the CRF, 43 works amounting to Rs 72.81 crore have been taken up so far for the improvement of state roads. The state government has utilised Rs 46.21 crore so far against the total accrual of Rs 59.65 crore up to 2003-04, resulting in the completion of 23 works costing Rs 29.23 crore. In addition, three works costing Rs 10.37 crore is in progress under the centrally-sponsored scheme of roads of economic importance and inter-state connectivity, which is expected to be completed by August 2004.

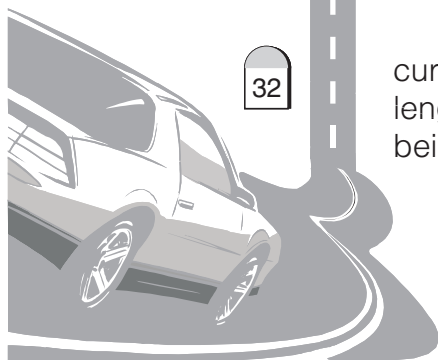
Manipur

There are three NH-39, 53 and 150 totalling 954 km passing through the state. The density of NH per lakh of population is 39.8.

As of 30 November 2003, 27 improvement works amounting to Rs 81.13 crore, including six amounting to Rs 19.81 crore sanctioned during the current year, are in progress.

Against the allocation of Rs 15 crore for the development of NH during the current year, the expenditure up to November 2003 was Rs 4.35 crore. So far, a length of 151 km out of total length of 281 km has already been improved or is being improved under various programmes.

Under the CRF, eight works amounting to Rs 17.98 crore have been taken



up so far and Rs 6.32 crore has been utilised so far against the total accrual of Rs 12.57 crore up to 2003-04.

Meghalaya

There are four NH-40, 44, 51 and 62 aggregating 717 km passing through the state. The density of NH per lakh of population is 31.2.

Up to 30 November 2003, 44 improvement works amounting to Rs 116.22 crore, including 16 to the tune of Rs 24.91 crore sanctioned during the current year, are in progress.

The expenditure on development of NH up to November 2003 was Rs 13.02 crore, against the allocation of Rs 24 crore. So far, 487 km out of a total length of 519 km has already been improved or is being improved.

Fifteen works amounting to Rs 26.80 crore have been taken up so far under CRF. The state government has utilised Rs 13.71 crore so far against the total accrual of Rs 17.06 crore up to 2003-04, resulting in the completion of four works costing Rs 6.18 crore.

Mizoram

There are six NH-44A, 54, 54A, 54B, 150 and 154-totalling 927 km passing through the state. The density of NH per lakh of population is 103.

Up to 30 November 2003, 20 improvement works of the value of Rs 81.95 crore, including eight amounting to Rs 36.57 crore sanctioned during the current year, are in progress. A length of 280 km out of total length of 328 km (under the jurisdiction of the state PWD) has already been improved or is being improved.

Against an allocation of Rs 23 crore for the development of NH during the current year, the expenditure up to November 2003 was Rs 7.8 crore.

Under the CRF, 23 improvement works to the tune of Rs 20.01 crore have been taken up, with the state government utilising Rs 10.89 crore so far against the total accrual of Rs 11.56 crore up to 2003-04, resulting in the completion of one work costing Rs 3.02 crore. Another work costing Rs 14.93 crore is in progress under the centrally sponsored scheme of roads of economic importance and inter-state connectivity, which is expected to be completed by March 2005.

Nagaland

There are four NH-36, 39, 61 and 150-adding up to 369 km passing through the state. The NH density per lakh of population is 31.2.

As of 30 November 2003, 18 improvement works amounting to Rs 39.90 crore, including nine of the value of Rs 22.12 crore sanctioned during the current year, are in progress.

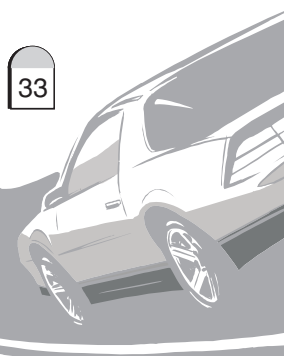
The expenditure up to November 2003 was to the tune of Rs 5.92 crore against the allocation of Rs 15 crore for the development of NHs during the current year. So far, 246 km have already been improved or are being improved under various programmes.



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Seven works amounting to Rs 14.48 crore have been taken up so far for the improvement of state roads under CRF. The state government has utilised Rs 7.17 crore so far against the total accrual of Rs 9.66 crore up to 2003-04, resulting in completion of three works costing Rs 4.72 crore. In addition, two works at an estimated cost of Rs 14.30 crore are in progress under the centrally-sponsored scheme of roads of economic importance and inter-state connectivity, which is expected to be completed by March 2005.

Sikkim

There is only one NH-31A with a length of 62 km in the state, which has been entrusted to the BRO. The density of NH per lakh of population is 9.80.

Ten works amounting to Rs 6.69 crore have been taken up for the improvement of state roads under CRF, with the state government utilising Rs 2.28 crore so far against the total accrual of Rs 4.28 crore up to 2003-04, resulting in the completion of eight works costing Rs 1.91 crore. In addition, three works of the value of Rs 9.13 crore are in progress under the centrally-sponsored scheme of roads of economic importance and inter-state connectivity, which are expected to be completed by March 2005.

Tripura

There are two NH-44 and 44-A with a length of 400 km in the state and entrusted to the BRO. The density of NH per lakh of population is 12.5.

Five works amounting to Rs 9.39 crore have been taken up under CRF so far for the improvement of state roads. The state government has utilised Rs 5.28 crore so far against the total accrual of Rs 7.51 crore up to 2003-04. One work costing Rs 1.33 crore is in progress under the centrally-sponsored scheme of roads of economic importance and inter-state connectivity, which is expected to be completed by March 2005.



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