

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding construction of roads in the Union Territory of Ladakh- Laid.

SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL (LADAKH): The Union territory of Ladakh bordering with China and Pakistan is strategically very important for India having war experiences of 1948, 1962, 1965, 1971, 1999 and the Galwan conflict of 2020. Some more option after commendable works on Nimo-Padum-Darcha Road including tunnel at Shinkun La and Zojila to give better, shorter, and economically more feasible roads and tunnels need to be considered on priority to keep our border well secured.

I, therefore, make the following demand for road construction:

1. Construction of 45 km Paddar-Padum Road 'Kishtward-Atholi-Maichil-Soomchan-Zongkhul' or 80 km Road 'Kishtward-Atholi-Maichil-Dangail-PotLa-Bardan' to connect Ladakh with Jammu. This will be the shortest route between Northern Command and Pathankot Airforce/Military station to Ladakh as it will reduce the distance by about 150 km. This route being shortest was also followed by the legendary Dogra General Zorawar Singh during his conquests of Ladakh and eastern Tibet in 1830s.

2. Construction of Udaipur-Padum Road from Mayard Valley of Lahaul via Khanjar-Zardong-Kesar-KangLa-Padum or Khanjar-Shangkha-Thangso-Kargyak near Shinkunla Zanskar.

3. Construction of 100 km Road from Korzok-Kiato to connect Leh-Karzok-Kiato-Kaza-Kinour-Chandigarh will be an all-weather connectivity without any tunnel.

These roads can also help to connect Paddar and Chenab valleys of J&K and Mayard and Spiti valleys and help in creating economic potential along with other advantages.