

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1097
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2001
ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF STRATEGIC DEFENCE ROADS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Defence personnel in Nagaland have proposed to hand over the administrative control of most strategic defence roads running along Indo-Myanmar border;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor particularly in absence of any no-war pact signed among the neighbouring countries; and
- (c) the strategy worked out to handle the situation in case of any eventuality?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1097 FOR 1.3.2001

A number of roads in Nagaland are being constructed/maintained by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). Four of such roads along the Indo-Myanmar border in Nagaland have been approved for handing over to the State PWD:-

- (a) Road Tuensang-Kiphire
- (b) Road Tuensang-Mon
- (c) Road Nunhebot-Kiphire (under construction and Will be handed over to the State PWD on completion).
- (d) Road Akhegwo-Kiphire.

Roads are constructed in border areas by the BRO considering the operational requirement. A periodic review is carried out to see the availability of funds, requirement of construction of new roads, availability of maintenance agency and our operational needs. It is after such a review that decisions are taken to hand over some roads to other agencies for further maintenance.