

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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STRATEGIC ROADS ON INDO-MYANMAR BORDER  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware of massive Chinese activities on Indo-Myanmar borders including construction of roads, bridges, air ports etc.;
- (b) if so, facts thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that his ministry has handed over even maintenance of roads on Indo-Myanmar border to State PWD of Nagaland which is already facing a financial crunch;
- (d) if so, reasons therefor particularly in view of strategic importance of these roads in the interest of security of the country;
- (e) whether the Government plan to handover maintenance of these roads to Border Road Organization under financial control of his ministry; and
- (e) if not, reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

- (a) & (b): There are no reports about the said Chinese activities on the Indo-Myanmar border. Reports, however, indicate that perhaps some such proposals are under consideration of the concerned authorities in Myanmar.
- (c) to (f): The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) decided to handover the maintenance of Kiphire-Tuesang-Mon in Nagaland to the State PWD with effect from 31.3.2000 in the light of a review of the operational requirements in the area. The State Government has not taken over the said road so far.