

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONSTRUCTION OF BORDER ROADS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of border roads earmarked for construction are getting delayed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay;
- (c) whether manpower shortage is reported to be one of the reasons for delay in the construction of border roads;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to meet the shortage; and
- (e) the time by which the construction of the above roads is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a), (b) & (e): Out of 61 roads being constructed by Border Roads Organisation (BRO), 43 will be completed on schedule by 2012. Another 9 will be completed by 2013. The remaining 9 are likely to be completed by 2018. The reasons for delay are adverse climatic conditions, hard rocks being encountered during construction, delay in obtaining forest and wild life clearances, shortage of manpower and inadequate availability of air effort.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Present strength of Border Roads Organisation is 35,987 against authorized strength of 42,636. However steps have been taken to meet the shortage by recruiting manpower. To expedite the recruitment process, mobile recruitment teams have been constituted at Rishikesh, Pathankot, Jodhpur and Tezpur besides the GREF Centre, Pune. For Group A Civil Engineering Cadre Officers, a case was also taken up with UPSC for direct recruitment on interview basis.