

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Border Road Organisation (BRO) is planning to construct roads in naxal affected areas;
- (b) if so, the targets set by the BRO in this regard alongwith the targets achieved during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the States where branches of BRO are located; and
- (d) the States where branches of this organization are proposed to be set up in the coming years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Project Hirak of Border Road Organisation (BRO) was working on NH-16 from Km 199 (Chennur in Andhra Pradesh) to Km 492 (Sosanpal in Chhattisgarh), a total length of 293 Kms. BRO does not have any other plan for construction of roads in Naxal affected areas. In order to enable BRO to give priority to strategic roads it has been decided to close down Project Hirak from April 2010 and hand over NH-16 to other agencies.

(b) Targets assigned to BRO for NH-16 and up-to-date cumulative achievement during the last three years (State-wise) are as under:

S. No.	States	Targets Assigned	Cumulative Progress Made & present status	Financial Target achieved during last three years (Rs. in Crore) State-wise.
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2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
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(i) Andhra Km 199 to 21.4 Km 18 10 5

Pradesh Km 226.50 completed
and work
in progress
in 1.2 Km

(ii) Maharashtra Km 230.69 31.84 Km 13 8 10

to Km 288 completed
and works
in progress
in 2.31 Km

(iii) Chhattisgarh Km 292 92 Km 31 51 52

to Km 492 completed
and works
in progress

(c) & (d): Under Project Headquarters at Nagpur, BRO has Road Construction Companies at Sironcha in Maharashtra and Karli in Chhattisgarh. These two branches will be closed down soon in order to shift the manpower to strategic roads. No more branches are proposed to set up.