

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4983
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CONSTRUCTION OF STRATEGIC ROAD
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court has given clearance of Army's long pending proposal to construct a strategic road near tri-junction of Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Court has put certain conditions including payment of five per cent of the estimated project cost to the Sikkim Government for compensatory afforestation; and
- (d) if so, the total cost involved in this project and time by which the work is likely to start?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has been entrusted with the construction of two strategic roads namely Track junction-Bheem Base-Dokala for a length of 13.48 Km and Flag Hill-Dokala for a length of 33.80 Km near tri-junction of Tibet-Bhutan and Sikkim.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) Cost of work on Track Junction-Bheem Base-Dokala road is approximately Rs.15.12 crore. Work has commenced and probable date of completion (PDC) is 2012. Cost of work on Flag Hill-Dokala is approximately Rs.81.81 Crore. Hon'ble Supreme Court has cleared the alignment in March 2010. The work on this road will start after getting clearance of National Board of Wild Life (NBWL) and Forest clearance. Completion of work will take five years after commencement of work.