

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2316
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PROJECT HIRAK OF BRO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the work under project Hirak assigned to Border Roads Organisation (BRO) on National Highway No.16 in the naxal affected areas;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to stop the said work;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to prepare any other action plan for the construction of roads in naxal affected areas; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): Project Hirak of Border Road Organisation (BRO) was assigned work on NH-16 from Km 199 (Chennur in Andhra Pradesh) to Km 492 (Sosanpal in Chattisgarh), a total length of 293 Kms. Out of this 145.235 Kms has already been completed. Work is under progress in 43.5 Kms. In order to enable BRO to give priority to strategic border roads, Government has decided to close down project Hirak from April 2010 and hand over NH-16 to some other agency for further development. BRO does not have any other plan for construction of roads in Naxal affected areas. Ministry of Home Affairs is taking action for construction of roads in these areas.