

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3580  
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DIBANG VALLEY IN AP  
Ering Shri Ninong

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the matter that the Dibang Valley of Arunachal Pradesh (AP) has been isolated in terms of infrastructural facilities due to negligence by Border Roads Organisation (BRO);
- (b) if so, whether BRO has not provided any assistance despite repeated requests by the State Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take steps to restore roads and bridges and meet natural calamities in the region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Dibang Valley is facing difficulties due to extensive damage to the road communication caused by high intensity incessant rains since first week of March 2010 and there is no respite till date. The breach in road communication is not due to any negligence on the part of Border Road Organisation (BRO) but due to natural calamity of unprecedented nature.
- (b) Border Road Organisation (BRO) has deployed adequate manpower and machinery to clear the land slides and repair the breaches. However, continuous bad weather has affected the progress of clearing the landslides and repair of damage. In spite of heavy rains and bad weather, BRO has opened the badly damaged road Roing to Hunli on 21.5.2010 after repeated blockages for vehicular traffic. Road Hunli to Anini was blocked at 50 locations due to heavy rains and natural calamity and most of blocks have been cleared and at present road is through for vehicular traffic. There is only one block left at Km 129.975 due to damage of Bailey Bridge. Shifting of Bailey Bridge parts are in progress.
- (c) & (d): BRO is putting all efforts to restore the road connectivity. Adequate fund, manpower, machinery and equipment have already been deployed at site.