

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SRINAGAR-LEH HIGHWAY
Khan Shri Hassan

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the pace of work on the Zojila-Photula section of the Srinagar-Leh Highway is reported to be quite slow;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action plan being formulated by the Government to ensure smooth progress of work on the said section?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Border Road Organisation (BRO) is entrusted with construction of Zojila (Km 108) – Photula (Km 300) sector of Srinagar-Leh Highway. The road stretch Km 108 to Km 110, and Km 116 to Km 147 has been completed. Road stretch Km 110 to Km 116, Km 205 to Km 216 and Km 236 to Km 288 formation completed and surfacing work in progress. Road stretch Km 147 to Km 204 has been out sourced. Preparation of Detailed Project Report for remaining road stretches from Km 216 to Km 236 and Km 288 to Km 300 is in progress. Probable date of completion (PDC) of this road is 2012 and all out efforts are being made to complete the road within time. The following action have been taken to expedite the work:

- (i) New Project named Vijayak has been raised in Kargil Sector.
- (ii) Latest state of art equipment has been inducted.
- (iii) Contractors are being motivated to speed up the work.