

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4038
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MAINTENANCE OF SRINAGAR LEH HIGHWAY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is poor maintenance of the Zojila sector of the Srinagar-Leh National Highway due to poor coordination between the two Task Forces of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) assigned with the job;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to entrust the task of maintenance and regular snow clearance to one task force; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Zojila sector of the Srinagar-Leh National Highway is being properly maintained. There is no problem of coordination between the two Task Forces of the Border Roads Organisation assigned with the job. Both the Task Forces, one under Project Beacon and the other under Project Himank are engaged in maintenance as well as snow clearance works on the highways and the Government does not propose any change in the present system.