

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNEL IN J& K
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is planning to construct a tunnel in Zojila Pass between Sonamag and Drass on the Srinagar-Ladakh Highway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) Yes Sir,

(b) 12 km long Tunnel at Zozila and another tunnel of 3.10 km length at Z Morh are proposed. The contract for feasibility study and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Zozila Tunnel together with Z Morh Tunnel has been awarded to M/s iBilt Technology, New Delhi on 29th April 2009. The feasibility study will be completed within a period of 18 months.