

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:42
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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 on National Highway No.16 in the naxal affected areas assigned to Border Roads Organisation (BRO);
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the section between Rajnandgaon district of Chhattisgarh and Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra on the said highways has been left incomplete by BRO; and
- (c) if so, the action taken by the Government to complete the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): 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 Chhattisgarh), a total length of 293 Kms. Out of this 188.745 Kms has already been completed. In order to enable BRO to give priority to strategic border roads, Government has closed Project Hirak on 1.4.2011 and handed over NH-16 to State PWD for balance construction.