

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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INFRASTRUCTURE BUILDING ON BORDER

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the activities of China have stalled several developmental works going on in the border areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise and the action being taken to resume the works;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of massive infrastructure building including road/rail links by China right upto the International border and also in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK);
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the threats posed to the security of this country thereby; and
- (e) the details of roads constructed by the Border Roads Organisation along the border with China, the amount of funds allocated to them and utilization thereof and the proposal, if any, to lay down rail links in the region?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Government is aware that China is undertaking infrastructure development in the border regions opposite India. Government is closely watching all developments on the borders and reviews the threat perception regularly. Required measures are being undertaken to upgrade our capabilities to achieve desired defence preparedness to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India.

(e) Out of 73 roads identified as strategic border roads, Border Roads Organisation has been entrusted with 61 roads of total length of 3394 Km in J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. Out of 61 roads, 15 roads of length 563.87 Km have already been completed and work are under progress on 44 roads and 02 roads works has not been commenced. Out of total 3394 Km length, 2562 Km formation and 1794 Km surfacing works have been completed. The funds utilized by BRO for the last five years are given below:

Years	Rs in Crore
2006-07	96
2007-08	169
2008-09	327
2009-10	624
2010-11	675

Construction of new lines Sivok-Rangpo (44.39 Km) and Murkongselek-Pasighat (30.617 Km) and gauge conversion of Rangiya-Murkongselek (511.88 Km) have been taken up in North-Eastern Region in areas close to international border with China.