

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3911  
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ROHTANG TUNNEL  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the status of the construction of Rohtang Tunnel connecting Manali with Lahul and Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh; and
- (b) the expenditure involved in the project so far and the advantage thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) The contract for civil construction works of 8.802 Km (8802 Mtrs) Rohtang Tunnel to provide all weather road access to Leh (ladakh) was awarded to M/s Strabag-Afcon (JV) on 24th September, 2009 at a cost of Rs.1458.06 Crore. The total progress of Rohtang tunnel achieved as on 11.12.2011 is 2475 Mtrs in heading and 486.10 Mtrs in benching.

(b) The expenditure involved so far is Rs.568.60 Crore. The advantages of this Tunnel are as under:

- (i) Round the year connectivity to Lahul & Spiti Valley.
- (ii) The distance between Manali and Lahul-Spiti Valley will be reduced by 46 Km.