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STRATEGIC ROADS IN NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Border Roads Organisation has been entrusted with the task of construction and maintenance of all the strategic roads in the North Eastern Region including Arunachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the commissioning of road between Tezpur in Assam and Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh has been delayed;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time-frame fixed for completion of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Most of the roads of strategic importance in the North-Eastern Region are entrusted to Border Roads Organisation (BRO). BRO maintains a road network length of 11672 Km in North-Eastern region. Further, roads are being developed to Double Lane/Class 9 (enhanced) Specifications under following packages:

- (i) Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North East Region (SARDP-NE) 13 roads (1106 Km)
- (ii) Strategic roads – 30 roads (1901.36 Km)
- (iii) Arunachal Pradesh Packages – 5 roads (812 Km).
- (iv) General Staff Long Term Perspective Plan (Priority-I) (GS LTPP-1) – 34 roads (1159 Km)

(c) Yes, Madam. The 317.5 Km long stretch of road between Balipara in Assam and Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh is with BRO and is under development to Double Lane specifications. Out of this, 88 Km length has been completed (both formation & surfacing) and works are in progress in remaining stretches.

(d) Reasons for delay are as under:

- (i) Time taken in forest & wild life clearance and land acquisition.
- (ii) Available contractors not keen to work in far flung areas.
- (iii) Frequent local bandhs.
- (iv) Damages caused due to prolonged monsoon.
- (v) Less working season due to High Altitude and adverse climate.

(e) The project will be completed by 2016.