

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5049  
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2012  
ROAD ALONG ZANSKAR RIVER  
Singh Shri Rajnath

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Border Roads Organisation has completed the construction work on Nimoo-Padum-Darcha all-weather road along the Zaskar river;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated for this project so far; and
- (d) the reasons for the delay, if any, in completion of the project?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. Total length of road is 289 Km, out of which 151 Km formation and 115 Km surfacing is completed.
- (c) Funds are allotted to BRO for roads, bridges and tunnels works as a whole. Expenditure to the tune of Rs.144.91 Cr is incurred up to 31st March 2012 on this road.
- (d) Reasons for delay are as under:
  - (i) Limited working season due to High Altitude Area.
  - (ii) Hard rocky stretches encountered.
  - (iii) Height of cut is up to 25 meter in monolithic rocky strata.