

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals for improvement of 965 kms. of border roads in Gujarat and for border roads in Banaskantha-Patan and Kutch district;
- (b) whether the said proposals are lying pending for want of approval;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared;
- (d) the names of the locations where strategically important roads are being constructed along the borders in the country; and
- (e) the details of construction works completed so far as well as projects which are running behind the schedule alongwith the reasons therefor and the time by which these delayed projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c) Based on meeting held in Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on 10th August 2009 Government of Gujarat forwarded the modified proposals for development of Border Roads in Banaskantha-Patan and Kutch districts of Gujarat to Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs in August, 2009. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways in the country. Improvement of Border Roads other than National Highways is concerned with Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs which is nodal Ministry for development of such roads.

(d) & (e) The roads are being developed under 73 strategic roads projects scheme, GS-LTPP-I and GS-LTPP-II. 119 roads under Long Term Perspective Plan (LTPP)-I and 258 roads under LTPP-II have been identified leading to borders for construction/improvement. 73 roads have been identified as strategic border roads, out of which BRO has been entrusted with 61 roads of total length 3394 in J&K -12 roads, Himachal Pradesh-05 roads, Uttarakhand-14 roads, Sikkim-03 roads and Arunachal Pradesh-27 roads. 16 roads with a total length of 586.76 Km (6 in Northern Command and 10 in eastern Command) have been completed, 26 roads are scheduled for completion by 2013 and rest 19 roads by 2016. The works of some roads could not progress with the required momentum due to certain reasons like time taken in Forest/Wild Life clearance, inadequate Air Lift, unprecedented cloud burst, very limited working season on High altitude Areas (HAA) etc. However, all possible efforts are being made to accelerate the pace of work