

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ALL WEATHER ROADS OF BRO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Border Roads Organisation has planned to construct all-weather roads to link Jammu and Kashmir with Ladakh and other areas which are not accessible throughout the year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said roads are likely to be constructed?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): There are two major axes connecting Jammu & Kashmir with Ladakh and other areas: Manali-Darcha-Sarchu-Leh and Srinagar-Kargil-Leh. Both roads are under development to double lane specifications.

(i) To make these roads accessible throughout the year, tunnels have been proposed. On Manali-Darcha-Sarchu-Leh, one tunnel at Rohtang is under construction. Probable date of completion is February 2015. Further on this road beyond Darcha, there is another alignment leading to Leh, Darcha-Shinkhunla-Padam-Nimu-Leh, which is being developed under Prime Minister's Re-construction Plan in J&K.

The Upgradation of Manali-Darcha-Sarchu-Leh road with a tunnel at Rohtang is likely to be completed by 2015. The road Darcha-Shinkhunla-Padam-Nimu-Leh is likely to be completed by 2021.

(ii) The Upgradation of road Srinagar-Kargil-Leh to double lane specifications is in progress and likely to be completed by 2015. To make it accessible throughout the year, feasibility study of two tunnels at Z-morh and Zozilla are in progress.