

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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STATUS OF BORDER ROADS

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognisance of the massive infrastructure building by China along the border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the road construction projects of the Border Roads Organisation are moving at very slow pace and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether paucity of funds is one of the main reasons for the slow pace of work and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to create a new agency to take up the road projects along the border in a speedy manner and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government is aware that China is developing the infrastructure in the border regions opposite India this includes development of rail, road and airport facilities. Government is closely watching all such developments.
- (c) No, Madam. Out of 73 roads identified as strategic border roads, 61 roads have been entrusted to Border Roads Organisation, 16 roads have been completed, 26 roads are scheduled for completion by 2013 and remaining 19 by 2016. Delay in forest / wildlife clearance, restricted working period and adverse ground conditions are the major factors that affected pace of works.
- (d) No, Madam.
- (e) No, Madam.