

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:639  
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CONSTRUCTION OF BORDER ROADS  
Dubey Shri Nishikant

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

- (a) the funds allocated and utilised by the Government for construction and improvement of border roads in the North Eastern Region during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the length of roads undertaken and constructed during the said period;
- (c) the proposals for construction/improvement of roads in the next two years, indicating the length of roads to be covered during the period; and
- (d) the number of ongoing projects running behind the schedule and the steps taken by the Government for completion of the same in a time-bound manner?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b):

Financial Year	Fund Allocated (Rs. in crore)	Fund Utilized (Rs.in crore)	Length of road undertaken/constructed (Length in Km equivalent single lane)
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2006-2007	792	706	327.3
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2007-2008	874.2	851.4	445.5
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2008-2009	1329.8	1281.1	530.2
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2009-2010	1753.1	572.8	209.3
(upto October 2009)			

(c)

Financial Year	Length of roads to be covered (Length in Km equivalent single lane)
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2010-2011	1038.5
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2011-2012	1124.2
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(d) Four projects are running behind schedule. Government has taken several steps to ensure timely completion of the Projects. A project team headed by Chief Engineer, a Task Force and a Road Construction Company of BRO have been newly inducted in the North-East. Forest/environment clearance is being expedited by better coordination with State Government Forest Departments and Ministry of Environment & Forest. Procurement manual of BRO has been simplified. Adequate budgetary resources have been made available to BRO. More financial powers have been delegated to field functionaries of BRO. BRO has also been permitted outsourcing of their contracts. The problem of recruiting migrant labour from the states of Orissa and Jharkhand has been resolved by obtaining special dispensation for BRO from these State Governments.