GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

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PERFORMANCE OF BRO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the guidelines for identification of Border Roads for construction / improvement in the country;
- (b) the number of roads constructed / improved by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in the country during the last three years and the current year; State-wise;
- (c) the amount sanctioned and utilised for these projects during the said period, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) the present status of each of the projects vis-a-vis the targets to be achieved in the 12th Five Year Plan; and
- (e) the details of the pending projects and the schedule of their completion along with the steps taken by the BRO in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Identification of Border Roads is done based on the recommendations of various agencies like Army, ITBP, MEA. MHA and keeping in view the strategic aspects, requirements and other factors like importance of the road from the point of view of communication link to strategic border areas of the country.
- (b) Statement 'A' is attached.
- (c) Statement 'B' is attached.
- (d) & (e): 119 roads under Long Term Perspective Plan (LTPP)-I and 258 roads under LTPP-II have been identified leading to borders for

construction/improvement with schedule for completion by 2022. 73 Nos of road have been identified as strategic border roads out of which 17 roads have been completed, 37 roads are scheduled for completion by 2013 and rest 19 roads by 2016. BRO has initiated following steps to expedite completion of strategic projects:

- # Fast tracking of forest & wild life clearance projects.
- # Equipment bank was sanctioned for Rs. 100 Cr in 2010-11 for creating exclusive reserve of equipment for strategic road.
- # Assured fund in the budgets at the beginning of the year.
- # Enhanced allotment of funds for procurement of vehicle/equipment/Plants.
- # Enhanced air efforts availability.

More units (Project & Task Forces) have been inducted to focus on strategic road construction.