

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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ABSENCE OF MOTORABLE ROAD IN EASTERN HIMALAYAS

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

- (a) whether the Army found it difficult to operate without proper motorable road upto dizzy heights in the Eastern Himalayas;
- (b) if so, whether road to Tawang and beyond is still barely motorable;
- (c) whether Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is struggling with shortage of boulders, labour and stone-crushers; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to meet the requirements and accelerate the border road construction work?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Government has undertaken several projects to improve road infrastructure covering both the Northern and North-Eastern border areas. These road projects are aimed at facilitating movement of Armed Forces and supporting their operational requirements.

(b) Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is executing a project for double laning of the road up to Tawang and the road beyond Tawang is motorable.

(c) & (d): There are constraints regarding availability of material, labour, and equipment in certain areas. To address these the following steps have been taken:

- (i) Liaisoning with State Governments.
- (ii) Procurement of equipment.
- (iii) Outsourcing of works.
- (iv) Having more construction units.