

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL ROAD LINK UPTO BORDER AREAS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the neighboring countries China and Pakistan have laid rail tracks and constructed roads in the adjoining areas of the Line of Control;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for non-construction of roads upto villages situated in border areas by the Government; and
- (d) the policy formulated by the Government for construction of rail tracks and roads upto border areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Government is aware of the infrastructure development activities of China and Pakistan along the borders and reviews the threat perception regularly. Government has identified strategically important border roads and railway lines for development for improving the operational capabilities of the forces in phased manner. Development of these roads will enhance connectivity to border areas.