

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:199
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2013
BORDER ROADS ORGANISATION
Vardhan Shri Harsh;Verma Smt. Usha

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total length of roads in kilometre constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and under construction in the border areas of strategic importance;
- (b) whether the pace of construction of roads is not satisfactory and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the BRO is equipped with necessary machinery and helicopter facility for carrying men and materials for road constructions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 199 FOR ANSWER ON 11.3.2013

(a) & (b): Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has constructed approximately 49,300 Kms of roads of strategic importance. 21002 Km of roads are under construction in various packages. The progress of some of the projects was constrained due to various reasons which include time taken in forest / wild life clearances, unprecedented cloud bursts, limited working season in high altitude areas and non availability of sufficient labour.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. BRO is adequately equipped with vehicle / equipment and plants for executing works. Equipment required for construction like hydraulic excavators, dozers, wet mix macadam plants, stone crushers etc. have been inducted. The air efforts required in connection with expediting progress of works is provided by the Indian Air Force (IAF).