GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2256 ANSWERED ON:11.03.2013 INFRASTRUCTURE ON INDO CHINA BORDER Hazari Shri Maheshwar ;Saroj Smt. Sushila;Upadhyay Seema;Verma Smt. Usha

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether China's strategic influence is growing in South East Asia and it is rapidly constructing roads and rail lines along the eastern bordering areas of India;

(b) if so, the strategically important bordering areas in which the Ministry is constructing rail lines and roads to meet the emerging challenges; and

(c) the length of roads in kilometer constructed by the Border Roads Organisation during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Government is aware of the development of infrastructure by China along our borders and their activities in our neighbourhood and reviews the threat perception from time to time to take adequate measures for defence preparedness. In consonance with the strategic requirement Army has identified railway lines and roads for development along the India-China border and India-Pakistan border.

(c) The details of construction of border roads are as under:

(in Kilometers) Year Formation Surface

2009-10 1595.02 3175.10

2010-11 1934.69 2433.58

2011-12 1878.38 2245.00