

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1753
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2013
ZOJILA TUNNEL
Khan Shri Hassan

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Foundation Stone for a tunnel on Srinagar-Leh highway near Z-Morh was laid in October, 2012;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Cabinet has also approved the construction of tunnels on Zojila Pass; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the progress of work made thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Foundation stone for construction of tunnel at Z-Morh on Srinagar-Leh highway was laid on 4th October 2012.
- (b) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 17.10.2013 has approved construction of Zozila Tunnel.
- (c) The details of progress of these two tunnels are as under:
 - (i) Contract for construction of tunnel on Z-Morh has been awarded.
 - (ii) Land acquisition for construction of Zojila Pass Tunnel is under process. Contract action is in progress.