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ROAD PROJECTS OF BRO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been delay in completion of road projects under Long Term Perspective Plan-I by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for the delay; and
- (c) the details of the action being taken to expedite the said construction works?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. 146 roads have been identified for construction / improvement under Long Terms Perspective Plan (LTPP; Priority-I), out of which 30 roads have been completed. There are certain delays in execution of road projects mainly due to the following reasons:

(i) Delay in Forest / Wildlife / Environment clearance.

(ii) Hard rock stretches.

(iii) Limited working season.

(iv) Difficulties in availability of construction material.

(c) Government has taken following measures to expedite the road projects:

(i) Chief Secretaries of various State Governments have been requested to constitute Empowered Committees to resolve issues related to land acquisition, environmental clearance, allotment of quarries etc.

(ii) Regular monitoring of forest / wildlife / environment clearance cases is being done.

(iii) Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF) has given the general approval for diversion of forest land required for construction / widening of roads entrusted to BRO in the area falling within 100 kilometers aerial distance from the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and for link roads between Border Roads in the area within 100 kilometer aerial distance from the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and National Highways / State Highways / Other roads subject to certain conditions.

(iv) Modern machineries / equipments have been approved for procurement and outsourcing has been allowed to augment capacity of BRO.