

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the strategic roads and railway lines being constructed in the State of Punjab;
- (b) whether there have been delays in the completion of these projects;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure quick completion of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (c): 5 roads of total length 118.65 km is under the jurisdiction of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in the state of Punjab. Out of which, 56.46 km length has been completed. Ministry of Railways has informed that at present no strategic line is being constructed in the State of Punjab.

Work on Parmanand-Tarangarh-Kathlaur-NJS-Parole road (23.27 km) got delayed due to delay in obtaining forest clearance, which has been obtained in April 2014.

(d) Government has taken following measures to expedite the pace of road projects:

- (i) Enhanced financial and administrative powers have been given to the executives of BRO.
- (ii) Long Term Roll On Work Plan (LTROWP) and Long Term Equipment Plan (LTEP) has been approved.
- (iii) Outsourcing has been allowed to augment capacity of BRO.