

**Title:** Need for maintenance of road between Naginimora and Tuensang via Mon in Nagaland by Border Roads Organisation.

SHRI K.A. SANGTAM (NAGALAND): Sir, a strategic road in the Indo-Myanmar border, which starts from Naginimora in Nagaland via Mon and connects Tuensang district has been handed over to Nagaland State Government under the Public Works Department as advised by the Director General of Border Roads Organisation, from April, 2000. This road construction had been initiated by the Defence Ministry mainly for the purpose of movement of troops on the Indian side of the border.

The maintenance of this road should be kept with the Border Roads Organisation by providing sufficient budget under Defence Roads. There is likelihood that the State might finally have to abandon it, as the State Government is not in a position to take any such financial burden on its shoulder as Nagaland is already facing financial crunch.

Besides, I would suggest to the Government of India to direct the Director General of Border Roads Organisation for maintenance and development and also to plan out to make double land road, so that if there is any eventuality in the future, with any external aggression on the border, India would be able to move its troops freely and quickly and defend the country. We should not hand over such important and strategic border defence roads to any other agency other than the Border Roads Organisation and take the matter seriously.

Thank you.