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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5376
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH MARCH, 2018

CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the status of implementation of the construction of 73 India-China border roads along the Line of Actual Control;
- (b) the reasons for the delay and the challenges faced in progress of the project; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the issues?

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(a) Government has identified 73 roads as strategic Indo-China Border Roads (ICBRs), out of which 34 roads are completed and in the remaining 39 ICBRs, work is in progress.

(b) The reasons for the delay and challenges faced in execution of road projects are:-

- (i) Delay in Forest / Wildlife clearance
- (ii) Hard rock stretches
- (iii) Limited working season
- (iv) Difficulties in availability of construction material
- (v) Delay in land acquisition.

(c) The Government has taken following measures to expedite the construction of border roads:-

- (i) States of Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand have constituted the Empowered Committee to resolve the issues pertaining to BRO.
- (ii) Outsourcing has been allowed to augment the capacity of BRO.
- (iii) Enhanced financial and administrative powers have been given to the executives of BRO.
