

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2830**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2019

**ROAD CONNECTIVITY IN LADAKH REGION**

2830. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the Nimmu-Padam-Darcha Road project along with its estimated costs, actual starting year and actual completion target;
- (b) whether the project is likely to be completed in 2019 as scheduled;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including its funding and strategy and the reasons, if any, for delay and cost overrun;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to handover the said road project to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for declaring it as National Highway; and
- (e) if so, the present status thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

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(a) to (e): Out of the total length of 297 Km, connectivity has been achieved in 256.72 Km in various portions. The present status of Nimmu-Padam-Darcha road is given below:

- (i) Connected Portions
  - (a) Km 0 to Km 47.00
  - (b) Km 77.78 to Km 79.50
  - (c) Km 89.00 to Km 297.00
- (ii) Unconnected Portions
  - (a) Km 47.00 to Km 77.78
  - (b) Km 79.50 to Km 89.00

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The estimated cost is Rs. 2276.13 crores. The work on this road commenced in 2002 and is likely to be completed by 2025.

The project is funded by Ministry of Defence (Capital outlay on Defence Services). The reasons for delay in completion are given below:

- (i) Hard rock stretches.
- (ii) Limited working season.
- (iii) Limited availability of labour.
- (iv) Limited access to Padam.

Due to the strategic requirement the road is entrusted to BRO for construction.

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