GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3666 ANSWERED ON 23RD MARCH, 2017

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS

3666. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS सडक परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the cost of road construction per kilometer when Border Road Organisation (BRO) was constructing roads and the cost of the same when the roads are being constructed by NHRT in Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Nagaland of the North East;
- (b) whether the cost of construction is high when the work is being done by the NHRT, if so, the reasons therefor:
- (c) whether the roads taken from BRO in the North East are not being maintained properly by NHIDCL, PWD of the States due to which the common men are facing difficulties, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to give these roads to the BRO again;
- (e) if so, the time by which there are likely to be given back; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

- (a) & (b) The cost of road construction per kilometer sanctioned under the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE) by the Ministry for Border Road Organisation (BRO) is about Rs.4.18 crore per kilometer for construction of 2-lane standard between 2006-07 and 2015-16. No organisation in the name of NHRT is constructing roads in Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Nagaland of the North East.
- (c) The roads taken over from BRO is being maintained in traffic worthy condition by National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) and State PWDs depending on the availability of funds and inter-se priority.
- (d) The roads of North Eastern Region (NER) have been taken over from BRO on the basis of the request of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) in view of the re-deployment of BRO resources by MoD for strategic roads. The transfer of these road back to BRO is not contemplated at this stage.
- (e) & (f) Does not arise.
