

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2098

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN BORDER AREAS

2098. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the expanding military advancement and infrastructure development by China close to the border areas of the country including Arunachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the development of infrastructure, particularly road and rail connectivity in border areas of the country is adequate for faster mobility of troops and weapon systems in forward areas and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether various strategic roads have been identified for construction almost two decades ago and if so, the number of strategic roads constructed so far along with the reasons for delay in constructing all such roads?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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**(a) & (b):** Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

**(c)** 73 Indo-China Border Roads along Northern Borders are approved for construction. Out of this 27 roads have been completed and balance roads are planned for completion by December 2022. The delay in execution of road projects is due to delay in forest / wildlife / environment clearance, hard rock stretches, limited working season, delay in land acquisitions, difficulties in availability of construction material and damage due to natural disasters such as flash flood. Further, four strategic railway lines have also been approved.

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