

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1530
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH DECEMBER, 2017

UNDERGROUND TUNNELS

1530. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct underground tunnels along the India-China border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its likely benefits; and
- (c) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to ensure timely completion of the project?

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MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
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(a) & (b): Construction of tunnels has been prioritized to provide all weather connectivity in the Border States.

Tunnel at Rohtang pass in Himachal Pradesh and at Theng in Sikkim are under construction.

The likely benefits are given below:-

- (i) Provide all weather connectivity which will help in the socio-economic development of these regions.
 - (ii) Reduce the travel time.
- (c) The following steps have been taken to ensure timely completion of these projects:-**
- (i) Geological investigations is carried out during DPR preparation.
 - (ii) Enhanced delegation of powers has been made to BRO for outsourcing of consultancy services including DPR preparation.
 - (iii) In order to get acquaintance with the latest technology used by various developed countries for tunnel construction, officers of BRO are given training.
