

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3554
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH AUGUST, 2018

FACILITIES TO BRO OFFICIALS

3554. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the facilities given to the working employees and officers of Border Roads Organisation (BRO);
- (b) whether different type of facilities are provided to such employees and officers in different States and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of hill allowance given to these employees and officers, State-wise;
- (d) the process of recruiting casual labourers for constructing the roads in difficult areas by BRO and the manner in which these are arranged;
- (e) the number of bank accounts opened under Jan Dhan Yojana in BRO so far, State-wise; and
- (f) whether any difficulties are faced by casual labourers of BRO in getting transferred their salaries to their bank accounts under the Jan Dhan Yojana and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
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(a) & (b): General Reserve Engineer Force (GREF) of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) are governed by CCS Rules. Certain sections of Army Act are also applicable. Considering the difficult working conditions in BRO, some additional facilities such as Mess facility, CSD facility, Ration in kind at Army scale, Dress Allowance, Medical treatment in Army hospitals in field areas are also extended to GREF personnel, besides special allowances in difficult areas.

(c) In High Altitude Areas, GREF personnel of BRO are entitled to High Altitude Allowance Category-I (9000 to 15000 feet) and High Altitude Allowance Category-II (15000 feet & above) based on their rank / post held.

(d) The Casual Paid Labourers (CPLs) are initially recruited for a maximum period of six months by executive units on ground on requirement basis to complete the assigned tasks / projects. Preference in recruitment is given to local population.

(e) & (f): Bank accounts of Casual Paid Labourers in BRO are opened at the time of their enrolment. The salary of the CPLs is credited directly to their bank account. No difficulties are being faced by casual labour of BRO in getting their wages transferred to their bank accounts. No record of accounts opened under Jan Dhan Yojana is available.
