GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4429

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH JANUARY, 2019/, PAUSHA 18, 1940 (SAKA)

INFRASTRUCTURE ON LAC

4429. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the length of roads in kilometres constructed by the Government along the LAC per year for the past three years to improve connectivity and accessibility;
- (b) the details of roads commissioned to the Border Road Organisation (BRO) and the length (in kilometres) of such road whose construction have been delayed along with the reasons for such delay, areawise;
- (c) the measures taken to ensure steady supply of essentials like food and ammunition to the troops posted in remote locations;
- (d) the number of ceasefire violations reported during the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the number of intrusions carried out by Pakistani militants in Kashmir in the last year along with the organisations they were identified with?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a): The length of roads constructed during past three years along the LAC to improve connectivity and accessibility is as under:

| Year | Length of roads constructed (in kms) |
|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 2015-16 | 95.14 |
| 2016-17 | 100.96 |
| 2017-18 | 102.95 |

(b): 73 roads have been identified as strategic Indo-China Border roads (ICBRs) with a total length 3812 km, out of which 61 ICBRs have been entrusted to Border Roads Organisation (BRO) with a length of 3417.50 km. Out of the 61 ICBRs, 28 roads of length 981.17 km have been completed. The details of delayed projects state wise are as under:-

| S. No. | State | Work in progress | | |
|--------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| | | Nos. of roads | Length (in km) | |
| (i) | Arunachal Pradesh | 11 | 1110.83 | |
| (ii) | Himachal Pradesh | 1 | 56.00 | |
| (iii) | Jammu & Kashmir | 8 | 894.44 | |
| (iv) | Uttarakhand | 11 | 321.55 | |
| (v) | Sikkim | 2 | 53.51 | |
| | Total | 33 (*) | 2436.33 | |

^{*} However, connectivity has been achieved in 27 roads out of these 33 roads.

The main reasons for delay in execution of road projects are delay in obtaining Forest/Wildlife clearances, hard rock stretches, limited working season, difficulties in availability of construction materials, delay in land acquisition, natural calamities i.e. earthquakes, flashfloods etc. and strategic security consideration.

- (c): All measures are being taken to ensure timely and smooth supply of essential commodities and ammunition to the troops in remote locations by appropriate means of transport.
- (d): The number of ceasefire violations reported, during the last three years, in Jammu and Kashmir are as under:-

| No. of Ceasefire violations | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Year | Along the Line of Control (LoC) | Along the International Border | Total | | |
| 2015 | 152 | 253 | 405 | | |
| 2016 | 228 | 221 | 449 | | |
| 2017 | 860 | 111 | 971 | | |
| 2018 (upto November) | 1454 | 508 | 1962 | | |

(e): The number of infiltration attempts from across the border in the state of Jammu and Kashmir during the year 2017 and 2018 are as under:-

| | 2017 | 2018 (upto November) |
|-----------------------|------|----------------------|
| Infiltration Attempts | 419 | 302 |
