

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.305
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th March, 2021

ROAD CONSTRUCTION ALONG BORDER

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SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

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

- (a) whether 137 roads were proposed to be built in three phases along the Indo-China border and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether these roads are adhering to the completion deadline;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of the other ongoing road projects along Indian International border, sector-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken to expedite the construction of these roads?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 305 FOR ANSWER ON 17.03.2021 REGARDING 'ROAD CONSTRUCTION ALONG BORDER'.

(a) to (c): 61 India-China Border Roads (ICBRs) of length 3323.57 km identified as strategically important along India-China Border are entrusted to BRO. The present status of ICBRs are as under:-

- (i) 42 roads of length 1530.38 km are completed.
- (ii) Connectivity has been achieved on 59 roads of length 3205.16 km and on the remaining 02 roads of length 118.41 km, the unconnected portion is 29.00 km.

In addition to the above ICBRs, 104 additional roads are proposed to be built along the Indo-China border by BRO. Out of which 25 roads are completed.

There has been an increase in pace of construction during the last two/three years however, there are delays in execution of some road projects due to certain impediment such as difficult terrain, limited working season, difficulties in availability of construction material, delay in Forest/Wildlife clearance and delay in land acquisition, etc.

(d) Out of 130 other ongoing road projects of length 6752.23 km undertaken by BRO along with Indian International border, 28 road projects of length 1591.59 km are completed. The details of these ongoing road projects, sector-wise, is given below:-

Name of Sector	Number of roads	Length (km)	Under Progress	
			Number of roads	Length (km)
Northern	108	5326.54	86	4168.89
North-Eastern	22	1425.69	16	991.75
Total	130	6752.23	102	5160.64

(e) The steps taken to expedite the construction of these roads are mentioned below:-

- (i) Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) contract has been allowed to augment the capacity of BRO.
- (ii) Enhanced financial and administrative powers have been given to the executives of BRO.
- (iii) Based on the request of the Ministry, State/UT Government of Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand have constituted the Empowered Committee to resolve the issues pertaining to BRO.
