

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1947
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th December, 2024

BORDER ROADS ORGANISATION AS SKILL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

1947. SHRI S JAGATHRATCHAKAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government subscribes to the view that the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) should be designated as the skill development agency for all border areas of the country and tasked to create skilled manpower for improving life near borders including in the sectors of education and health;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the initiatives proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

- (a): No, Sir. A proposal of this nature is not under consideration in the Ministry at this point in time.
- (b): Question does not arise.
- (c): The mandate of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) during peace is to develop and maintain the operational road infrastructure in the border areas. This also contributes to the socio-economic development of the Border States. During war, the role of BRO is to develop and maintain roads to keep lines of communication open in the original/re-deployed sectors. Creating skilled manpower for improving life near borders including in the sectors of education and health is not an area of expertise for the BRO nor is it manned to meet such an objective.
