Roads Along Border Areas

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The State-wise details of road entrusted to Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for construction/improvement in the border areas are as per enclosed.

STATE WISE ROADS ENTRUSTED TO BRO IN THE COUNTRY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION / IMPROVEMENT:

S. No.	State / UT	Nos. of roads	Length (in km)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	1	23
2	Arunachal Pradesh	99	5267
3	Assam	4	100
4	Himachal Pradesh	11	924
5	Jammu & Kashmir	231	7122
6	Manipur	21	1838
7	Mizoram	11	888
8	Nagaland	10	841
9	Punjab	10	276
10	Rajasthan	53	2621
11	Sikkim	37	910
12	Tripura	2	201
13	Uttarakhand	27	1117
14	West Bengal	2	92
	Total:	519	22225

In addition, 04 strategic railway lines for construction and final location survey by Ministry of Railways, has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security as under:-

- (i) Misamari (Bhalukpong)-Tenga-Tawang
- (ii) Phasighat-Parsuramkund-Rupai
- (iii) Bilaspur-Mandi-Manali-Leh to be connected to Pathankot
- (iv) North Lakhimpur-Bame (Along)-Silapathar

Further, no road project is entrusted to BRO in Uttar Pradesh.

There are certain delays in execution of road projects mainly due to the following reasons:-

- (i) Delay in Forest/wildlife clearance
- (ii) Hard rock stretches
- (iii) Limited working season
- (iv) Difficulties in availability of construction materials
- (v) Delay in land acquisition
- (e) The Government has taken following measures to expedite the construction works:-
 - (i) States of Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand have constituted the Empowered Committee to resolve the issues pertaining to BRO.
 - (ii) Outsourcing has been allowed to augment capacity of BRO.
 - (iii) Long Term Roll On Works Plan (LTRoWP) and Long Term Equipment Plan (LTEP) have been approved.
 - (iv) Enhanced financial and administrative powers have been given to the executives of BRO.

This information was given by Minister of State for Defence Dr. Subhash Bhamre in a written reply to Shri Harinarayan Rajbhar in Lok Sabha today.

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