

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3173
ANSWERED ON:04.02.2004
SENDING OF ITBP TO AFGHANISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to send Indo-Tibetan Border Police to Afghanistan to police the work being done by the NHA and other agencies of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details of the said proposal;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made of the relevance of ITBP to undertake such works in hostile countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) - (e) Government of India would be undertaking construction of a road from Zaranj to Delaram in Afghanistan. For providing security to the members of the Indian organization and workers on the project, there is a provision for a core team of security personnel from ITBP to be present on the ground.

This has been done keeping in view security situation and similar experience in other parts of Afghanistan and support provided by local organization and authorities for security.