

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1370
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2006
POOR CONDITION OF ROADS ALONG CHINA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether roads along the China Border in Arunachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal are in a dismal condition;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the poor condition of roads in those areas;
- (c) whether the Ministry of External Affairs has drawn the attention of Ministry of Defence particularly to this aspect of vital importance; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry of Defence in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1370 FOR ANSWER ON 2.3.2006

Construction of roads except National Highways is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, Border Roads Organisation (BRO) constructs and maintains roads of operational importance, entrusted to them. The roads entrusted to BRO along the China Border both in Uttaranchal and Arunachal Pradesh are being maintained adequately. Importance of infrastructure, mainly related to road construction along the China border is constantly reviewed on a periodical basis in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs and operational requirements are addressed.