

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF TRADE CENTRE ON MIZORAM BORDER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the progress of the construction work of Trade Centres at Tlabung(Demagiri) and Zokhawthar on Mizoram border, to develop the trade relation with Bangladesh and Myanmar is satisfactory;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard alongwith the time by which these centres are likely to be expected?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c): A sum of Rs. 248 lakh had been approved under the Critical Infrastructure Balance (CIB) Scheme of the Department of Commerce for developing infrastructure facilities at the Land Customs Station (LCS) at Tlabung (Demagiri) in Mizoram. However, the Government of Mizoram has proposed to shift this LCS to Kawpruichhuah, which is 6-7 kms away from Demagiri. The Department of Commerce has released Rs. 4.22 crore to the Border Roads Organization (BRO) under the Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme for the construction of a composite building for the LCS at Zokhawthar. The work is under progress and is likely to be completed by the end of the current financial year.