

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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JAMMU SRINAGAR NATIONAL HIGHWAY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was closed several times for vehicular traffic due to landslides during last year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Border Road Organisation (BRO) had prepared any road map to clear the landslides to tackle such situations ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ;
- (e) the amount spent by Government in removing the landslides during last year; and
- (f) the manpower used by Government to tackle these cases during last year ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) It was closed eight times for more than one day at a time at different places for a total numbers of 25 days during 2006-2007.
- (c) & (d): BRO have deployed additional resources at landslide prone areas to take up the clearance work as soon as they occur. As long-term measures Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE) have constructed some avalanche control structures on the Highways. In addition Geological Survey of India (GSI) and National Data Management System under Department of Science & Technology are conducting studies to suggest measures for stabilization of the landslide prone areas.
- (e) Rs.81.73 Lakhs.
- (f) A total of 6553 man-days were spent.