

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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MAINTENANCE OF N.H.22
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Highway No. 22 is the only road which connects tribal district Kinnour in Himachal Pradesh and Indo-Tibet Border with the country and which is maintained by GREF;
- (b) if so, whether the GREF is unable to maintain it due to lack of funds and manpower;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to transfer the maintenance of the said road to Public Works Department of Himachal Pradesh or provide sufficient Central Assistance to it for procuring heavy machinery etc. so that the said road may be kept open for use during the time of heavy snowfall and other natural calamities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d): No decision on transfer of National Highway-22 to State Public Works Department has been taken and adequate funds are being provided to BRO for proper upkeep of the road. During 2007-2008, allocation of Rs.13.46 crores has been made for improvement, maintenance and snow clearance of this National Highway.