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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

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**ROAD PROJECT IN AFGHANISTAN**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Cabinet Committee on Security has sanctioned Rs.377.47 crore for Zarang-Delaram Road Project in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the present position of the project;

(c) whether the said funds have not yet been released to the Border Roads Organisation for executing this project;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure timely release of funds for this road project?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [SHRI E. AHAMED]**

(a) Yes.

(b) As on 30 November 2005, the physical progress was 10% and financial progress, including capital cost of equipment procured, was 25.5%.

(c) & (d) Funds are being released as per requirement of Border Roads Organisation (BRO). Till date Rs. 125 crore have been released to BRO of which Rs. 96.29 crore have been spent by BRO, which includes firm and contingent liabilities.

(e) Ministry of External Affairs makes the required budgetary allocation annually for the Project. Payments are made to Border Road Organisation as per its requirement.