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TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH JULY, 2019

TRANSPORTATION ALONG WITH THE CHINA BORDER

2393. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a huge problem of transportation due to lack of road networks in the territorial region adjoining China, especially, there is no facility to transport Army and Military equipments at the time of Military exigencies;
- (b) if so, whether Government would undertake road construction in border areas on priority basis; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK

(a) to (c): The development of the strategic infrastructure along the border areas is undertaken in a holistic and comprehensive manner to include construction of roads, strategic railway lines, tunnels to ensure all weather connectivity and to enhance the defence preparedness along the border.

Accordingly, a revised Long Term Roll on Works Plan of Border Roads Organisation for five years (2018-19 to 2022-23) has been formulated for construction/improvement of 272 roads of length 14545 km.

Out of these 272 roads, 61 roads of length 3323.57 km have been identified as strategic. Work has been completed on 2304.65 km and work on balance stretches is in progress.

Further, in addition to meeting the operational requirement, the above mentioned roads on completion, would also enhance accessibility to border areas where the border infrastructure and forward connectivity is lacking.
