

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (d) Upgradation and development of infrastructure in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh is being carried out in holistic and comprehensive manner by construction of both axial and lateral roads.

(b) and (c) These works involve land acquisition and obtaining forest clearance. They are carried out in adverse climatic conditions and require air lifting of materials and supplies. These factors slowdown the progress of road construction.

#### **Online settlement of Provident Fund claims**

632. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Informatics Centre (NIC) has missed the deadline for putting in place a system for online settlement of Provident Fund claims;

(b) whether the NIC has also asked for an extension of the deadline to March 2010 by the time the agency plan to computerize the operations of Employees Provident Fund Organization; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (c) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation is implementing its modernization project in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre (NIC). The implementation of the project was approved by the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund in its 182nd meeting. The initial scope of the project has since increased due to user requirements. The progress of the project is being reviewed from time to time. On review of the project it has been decided that the implementation of the project in 27 offices of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation could be completed by the end of this financial year *i.e.* 2009-10 and in the remaining 92 offices the project would be implemented in the next financial year *i.e.* 2010-11.

#### **Sainik School, Balachadi, Gujarat**

633. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to double students capacity at Sainik School, Balachadi near Jamnagar in Gujarat within three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the students data for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Student data for the last five years is given in the Statement.