

II. Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Cadre:

Sl. No.	Category	Total sanctioned strength	GRF Officers	Army Officers
(i)	CE (E&M)/Brig (EME)	2	1	1
(ii)	Col. (EME)/SE (E&M)/ (Engrs.)/SE (Civil)	24	12	12
(iii)	Lt. Col. (EME)	4	—	4
(iv)	Major (EME)/EE (E&M) EE (Civil)	79	48	31
(v)	Capt. (EME)/AEE (E&M)	123	87	36
TOTAL :		232	189	84

(c) Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is placed under the administrative control of Ministry of Defence as executive arm of Border Roads Development Board (BRDB), though its budget forms a part of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. BRO is functioning effectively through the time tested system spanning over five decades.

(d) There is no proposal to change the present arrangement.

Request for compulsory retirement by defence personnel

†3137. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of defence personnel are requesting compulsory retirement before due date;

(b) the number of defence personnel who have requested for compulsory retirement during the last three years and the number granted retirement; and

(c) the reasons cited for availing compulsory retirement and whether Government considers these reasons valid?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ALH Dhruv laid to rest

3138. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.