

The Armed Forces have also undertaken sustained image projection and publicity campaign to create awareness among the youth on the advantages of taking up a challenging and satisfying career. Awareness campaigns, participation in career fairs and exhibitions, advertisements in print and electronic media, motivational lectures in schools, colleges are also some of the other measures in this direction.

Celebration of BRO Day

1751. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is not a Government approved name whereas only GREF (General Reserve Engineer Force) is Government approved name of department;

(b) if so, the reasons for celebrating BRO Day by department every year; and

(c) what is the annual budget and expenditure on this celebration and the details of last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Border Roads Organisation (BRO) headed by Director General Border Roads was created in 1960 as the executing agency for strategic and other road projects. This Organisation is manned by two streams, the army and the civilian streams. The civilian stream is called General Reserve Engineer Force (GREF). Certain rules pertaining to discipline under the Army Act are applicable to the members of GREF.

(b) and (c) BRO Day is celebrated every year. Details of expenditure is as under:

Year	Expenditure
2009	Rs. 79,940.00
2010	Rs. 9,99,646.00 *
2011	Rs. 79,682.00

* This includes expenditure of Golden Jubilee Celebration involving many activities.

Cadre review for BRO

1752. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for consideration of cadre review for Border Roads Organisation (BRO) subordinates/diploma engineers;

(b) if so, the status and time schedule, if any; and

(c) if not, reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A committee has been constituted to examine the Cadre Review proposal of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) subordinates/diploma engineers. The committee has to examine various aspects like increase/decrease in number of posts with reference to quantum of work, promotional avenues as per Department of Personnel & Training guidelines, financial implication etc. Therefore, it is not feasible to prescribe any time schedule for finalization of Cadre Review for BRO subordinates/diploma engineers of BRO.

(c) Does not arise.

Defence related establishment in Orissa

1753. SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the defence related establishments that have been set up in Orissa so far since 1950;

(b) how far such establishments benefited Orissa in real terms and in large interest of the country for advancement of Defence preparedness; and

(c) whether any of these establishments have ever initiated such activities as part of their social responsibility to benefit local people in Orissa, if so, what are those activities, and to what extent local people were benefited?

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.

Crash of fighter planes

†1754. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fighter planes of Indian Air Force crashed during last three years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.