

Formation of Bengal Regiment

4386. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has contemplated any action to form 'Bengal Regiment' in Indian Army;
- (b) if so, by when the Bengal Regiment is likely to be formed; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Policy of the Government is not to raise any new regiment on the basis of a particular class, creed, community, religion or region, but to have an Army in which all Indians have representation.

Road projects undertaken by BRO in North East

4387. SHRI KHEKIHO ZHIMOMI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of border road projects being undertaken by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in the North Eastern States;
- (b) the total length of India-Myanmar Border in Nagaland along with the status of road construction there;
- (c) whether Government has any new proposal under consideration in regard to this border area; and
- (d) if so, the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) Border Roads Organisation (BRO) maintains a road network of length 11672 Km in North-Eastern region. Further, roads are being developed to Double Lane/Class 9 (enhanced) Specifications under following packages:

- (i) Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North-East Region (SARDPNE) - 13 roads (1106 Km).
- (ii) Strategic roads - 30 roads (1901.36 Km).
- (iii) Arunachal Pradesh Packages - 5 roads (812 Km).
- (iv) General Staff Long Term Perspective Plan (Priority-I) (GS LTPP-1) - 34 roads (1159 Km).