

**Construction of Tanakpur-Tawaghat Motorway to DGBR**

†\*17. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction work of Tanakpur-Tawaghat motorway in Uttarakhand was entrusted to Directorate General Border Roads (DGBR) from P.W.D.;

(b) whether the construction of this motorway has been completed, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry takes responsibility of non-completion of the construction work;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry will take action against the officers responsible for this; and

(e) by when the construction work of the above-mentioned motorway is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Tanakpur-Tawaghat road was taken over by Border Roads Organisation during 1963 from State PWD.

(b) The Tanakpur-Tawaghat road having a length of 258.60 km. has been completed to single lane specifications. Out of this, 256.72 Km is being improved to Double Lane Specifications by BRO. 40 kms. of road stretch is already completed and the works on remaining portion is under various stages of progress. The reasons for non completion are as under:

(i) Delay in land acquisition and forest clearance,

(ii) Difficulties in availability of construction materials.

(iii) Problems relating to allotment of quarries and delay in permission for installation of stone crushers.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

(e) The Double laning of the road is planned to be completed by 2019.

**Number of traditional handloom clusters in A.P.**

\*18. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has ever tried to find out the number of traditional handloom clusters in Andhra Pradesh;

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