

specifications. Out of this 116.89 km length has been improved so far. Work is in progress in 84.63 km length and work is yet to start in 116 km of length. Rs. 69.51 Crores has been allotted for current financial year. Total financial outlay is assessed as Rs. 611.59 crore. Expenditure incurred so far is Rs. 420.70 crore and physical progress is 56.94%. The probable date of completion of the road to NHDL specifications is March, 2016.

(b) to (d) Following steps have been taken to expedite completion of works:

- Works have been commenced simultaneously in 22 stretches.
- Additional units (2 Task Force and 3 Road Construction Companies) have been inducted.
- Additional heavy mechanical plants and equipment like 20 tonnes per hour capacity stone crushers, 30/20 tonne Hydraulic Excavators have been inducted.
- Works on formation and surfacing have been outsourced in certain stretches.
- Pending forest and wildlife clearances are being monitored closely and an officer is specially detailed for this purpose.
- Close monitoring of works is being done at all levels.

(e) Balipara-Rangapara-Missamari road has been included under Perspective Plan of Army for development to NHDL specification.

Study on stress levels among army officers

354. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the backdrop of suicides and face-offs between officers and jawans, Government has ordered a study into the stress levels encountered by young officers of the Army and also asked the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to develop methods to mitigate it;

(b) if so, the details of the study report and whether the recommendations or the study report have been examined by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and to what extent the stress level among army officers have been minimized?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Yes, Sir. Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR), a laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has undertaken a study on “Factors Causing Distress among Young Officers of Indian Army” with the following objectives:

- (i) To study the level of distress prevailing among the young officers;
- (ii) To study the casual factors that create distress among young officers and deplete their resources to cope with it; and
- (iii) To suggest remedial measures to manage stress among young officers.

(b) and (c) The study is likely to be completed by December, 2013. After completion of study, report will be submitted to the Government alongwith recommendations to minimize stress level among army officers.

Compulsory military training to youths

355. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the countries which are providing compulsory military training to their citizens;

(b) if so, whether Government has ever considered making military training compulsory for all the youths of the country on similar lines;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has received any proposal in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

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

(b) and (c) Government of India is not in favour of making military training compulsory to all the youth of the country due to the following reasons: