

- (d) Some of the steps being taken for the survival of Panchkula Unit are:
- (i) Shifting of some of the products/services from other Units of BEL to Panchkula Unit for optimum utilization of capacity (Example: Portable Radars).
 - (ii) Aggressive marketing and rigorous follow up of potential market leads.
 - (iii) Enhanced thrust on New Product Development.

Shifting of naval wing from Goa to Belgaum

968. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Navy intends to shift its wing from Goa, INS Hansa to Belgaum due to Defence strategic needs;
- (b) if so, whether Indian Navy would vacate Dabolim Air Base from Goa wholly or partially to its new destination in Belgaum; and
- (c) by when this project will be initiated and completed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir. Indian Navy has no plans to shift INS Hansa, Goa to Belgaum.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.

Repairing of roads in flood affected Uttarakhand by BRO

969. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is carrying out the repair of roads and making of rope bridges in flashflood-affected Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the details of the works completed; and
- (c) the time-frame for providing the much needed connectivity?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is carrying out repair of roads in flashflood-affected Uttarakhand and is also launching temporary bridges/foot bridges. BRO has already restored 16.950 Km. length of road to establish connectivity. BRO has also launched 3 foot bridges: One at Lambagarh on Joshimath-Badrinath road, one at Sonprayag on Rudraprayag-Gaurikund road and one on Govindghat Hemkund Sahib road to help evacuate stranded pilgrims and mules.