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The Defence Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General Nirbhay Sharma (Retd) at Raj Bhawan, Itanagar on 2nd May 2018. They discussed on security and border areas.

Stating that it is imperative that the border villages have to be self-sustaining and self-reliant, the Governor said that the army and air force units deployed on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) have to play a significant role in the implementation of developmental model in addition to national territorial security. He requested the defence minister for initiating in polling some infrastructure, communication, health and other logistic facilities of the armed forces with civil population. Such initiative will instil sense of security and strengthen nationalism amongst the local populace.

While reiterating for two more Advance Landing Grounds (ALG) in Kurung Kumey and Dibang Valley districts, the Governor suggested that in order to ensure optimum utilisation of the existing ALGs, the infrastructure so created must be utilized not only for defence purpose and carriage of civil passengers and goods but also for ferrying construction materials for infrastructure development as well.

Underscoring the vast experiences and specialization of Border Road Organisation in road construction in mountainous areas, the Governor suggested that BRO may be concentrated on Himalayan States. Such step will help in expediting the road projects, particularly in Arunachal Pradesh.

The Governor also reiterated the proposal for ecology Territorial Army battalion for the State.

The Governor assured all assistances from the State required for defence related projects in the State.

Earlier in the day Chief of the Army Staff, General Dalbir Singh also called on the Governor at Raj Bhawan, Itanagar.

PRO to Governor
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