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**Explore ways to address perennial landslides: Governor to BRO**

The Additional Director General, Border Roads (East) Dr. SS Porwal called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016. They discussed on BRO roads and its progress in different parts of the State.

The Governor emphasised that in the interest of the people of the Frontier State and Nation, road communication must be maintained at all cost. He suggested that for maintaining the lifeline, the BRO must have pre-deployment of their resources, both men and machines.

Sharing his experience in Lumla, Tawang District, the Governor stressed that BRO must maintain the Border roads on regular basis and must be taken up on top priority. He said that many organisations have submitted memorandums for maintenance of some strategic roads by the Border Road Organization. The Governor advised the BRO officials to take up at their level also, while the State Government takes up with the concerned ministries.

The Governor pointed that many roads in the State are damaged due to lack or improper construction of drains. The slopes near the roads are very steep, resulting in landslides, which in turn block the road communication. At times, it is found that retention walls are not constructed in proper and scientific manner.

Pointing at Karsingsa Sinking Zone, the Governor asked Dr. Porwal, who has done PhD in landslides and implemented project in landslide zone of Sonapur village of Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya, to explore ways to address perennial landslides. He suggested for sky bridge or tunnelling in the landslide zones areas.

The Governor also enquired about the Siku Bridge near Mebo in East Siang District to which the Additional Director General informed that the job is sanctioned and permanent solution will be there before Monsoon this year.

Briefing the Governor on the progress of BRO road, the Additional Director General, Border Roads informed that 40% of work in the State is completed and all the present projects will be implemented by 2019. Sharing his finding in the State, Addl DG informed that many of the landslides have resulted from blockage of natural drainage.

Additional Secretary to Governor Shri BS Hada and Chief Engineer, Project Arunank were also present in the meeting.

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