

PROJECT ARUNANK-AN OVERVIEW

Brief History

Project Arunank, the Indian 'Avtar' of Project Zaranj was carved out from one of the oldest projects of BRO Project Vartak. It was raised at Naharlagun. Project was aptly named Arunank after the state of Arunachal Pradesh since there was a long felt need for a Project HQ to be located within the state to meet the aspiration of the people of this beautiful lush green state and to accelerate the works on high priority CSG roads and new roads sanctioned under 'SARDP'. The first officer to report for the newly raised Project was Mr Mukul Kumar Misra, EE (Civ), NFSG from Afghanistan alongwith newly recruited Safaiwala Om Krishna Yadav from GREF Centre Pune. Brig NRK Babu, the CE of erstwhile Project Zaranj, reported on 24 Oct 08 to be the first CE of Project Arunank. However, barely after two months, he handed over the baton to Brig Deepak Sharma on 18 Dec 2008.

Slowly the strength started building up with the initial lot struggling to establish their bearings and squeezing themselves in the existing accommodation of 756 BRTF at Naharlagun, 1353 GE at Nirjuli and one isolated det at Km 24 towards Itanagar. With the blessings of the rising Sun, the Project HQ started functioning wef 01 Feb 2009 at Naharlagun. The proposed KLP of the Project HQ at Gurubanda, a remote locality approximately 30 Km from Itanagar, where 30 hectares of land was earmarked for the Project HQ, is embroiled in an inter-state dispute between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. They say, "When the going gets tough – the tough gets going" and so despite against all odds, the Project HQ continues to function from the modified badminton hall of HQ 756 BRTF and the officers and subordinate staff continue to commute on a daily basis between scattered available accommodations.



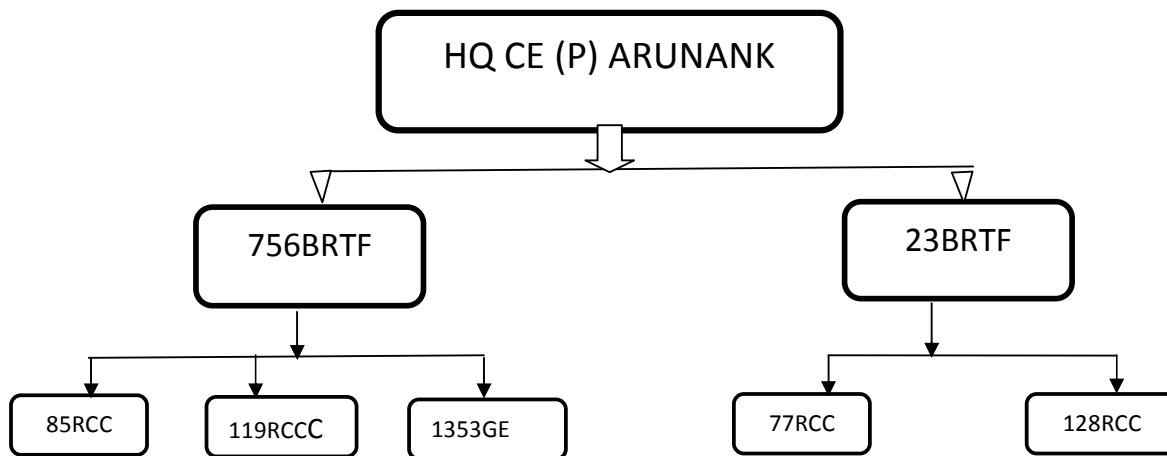
HQ(P) ARUNANK- In badminton hall of 756 BRTF

Project Arunank has a vital role in the development of strategic roads and in a larger perspective, the overall communication system, designed for the socio economic development of Arunachal Pradesh. Majority of roads under the Project pass through treacherous thick forests and hostile hilly terrain. The Arunankees have now organised themselves to 'March-On-Regardless' of all the odds.

Our Credo

The credo of the Project "Pargati ka Surya : ARUNANK" (The Sun of Development : ARUNANK)

An Overview of the Project



Project Arunank, under the warmth of its golden rays, has two Task Forces. 756 BRTF co-located with Project HQ at Naharlagun and the newly raised 23 BRTF at Daporijo. Together with 1448 BCC, the bridge construction agency of the project, Project Arunank is responsible for the construction and maintenance of approximately 1113 Kms of roads in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.

Units	LENGTH IN KMS					
	GS (16 NOs)	CSG (07 NOs)	SARDP (02 NOs)	MOSRT & H (01 NO)	ITBP (02 NOs)	Total (28 NOs)
23 TF	286.95	183.45	50.00	-	-	520.40
756 TF	219.65	278.00	-	95.00	-	592.65
Total	506.60	461.45	50.00	95.00	-	1113.05

The four RCCs and one GE and one section of BCC, the teeth of the project which are located in remote and inhospitable locales, are surging ahead undeterred, to spread the light emanating from the golden rays of Arunank, keeping alive the motto "BRO Constructs And Cares Where No One Dares".

Major Achievements

To connect the remote regions of border areas as well as to develop strategic roads, the Project has been entrusted with the responsibility of construction of a number of new roads under various schemes and agencies viz CSG, ITBP, SARDP and double laning of part of NH-52 under MOSRT&H majority of the attack points designated for the construction of these roads are totally air, maintained where the progress of road construction is solely dependent on the availability of air effort. Due to harsh climatic conditions, near vertical hard rock strata and inaccessibility, the progress on these roads is relatively slow and is being achieved by the sheer guts and determination of a handful of hardy Arunankees

Project Arunank, since it commenced functioning wef 2010- 11, has the following achievements to its credit during year 2010-11

Formation	-	68.09 Km
Surfacing	-	109.49 Km
Pmt Wks	-	51.23 Cr
Re-Surf	-	138.24 Km
Maj Br	-	198.27 Mtrs

The achievement during 2011-12 is

Formation	-	20.713 Km
Surfacing	-	56.981 Km
Pmt Wks	-	89.537 Cr
Re-Surf	-	26.39 Km
Maj Br	-	66.41 Mtrs

23 BRTF

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23 BRTF was initially raised under Project Vartak as 7 BRTF. Subsequently, it was re-designated as 23 BRTF on 29 March 1968 with 71 RCC, 72 RCC, 74 RCC, 1060 FW Wksp and 509 SS&TC under command. It was deployed under Project Pushpak in Mizoram. In 2004, the Task Force was short listed for execution of prestigious road Delaram to Zaranj in Afghanistan under Project Zaranj. The BRTF was inducted to Afghanistan in Dec 2004.

On Induction to Afghanistan, the TF was deployed at Gurguri and was entrusted with execution of work on road stretch from Zaranj to Gurguri from KM 114 to KM 218. Till 31 March 2007, the BRTF constructed the road from Zaranj to Gurguri with one sub-team located at Chigni and one at Gurguri. The

BRTF played a vital role during the construction of 60 kms of internal road in Zaranj and Gurguri.

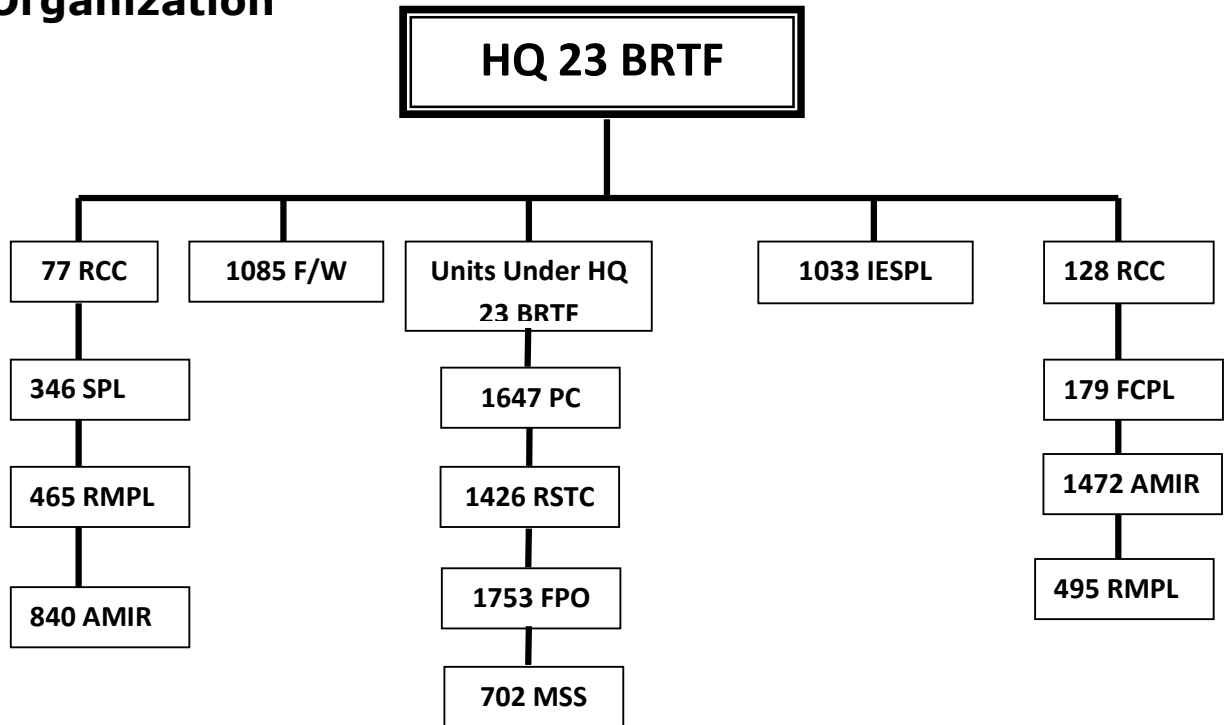
On completion of construction of Road Delaram to Zaranj, 23 BRF was re-located at Daporijo in Upper Subansiri District of Arunachal Pradesh under Project Arunank and became effective at the new location on 11 Oct 2008. At present 23 BRTF has 77 RCC, newly raised 128 RCC, 1033 (I) ESPL and 1085 Field Wksp under its command and is entrusted with the construction and maintenance of high priority CSG and SARDP roads in Upper Subansiri District of Arunachal Pradesh.

Before the raising of the TF, its present area of responsibility was being looked after all alone by 77 RCC. Presently due to the non-availability of accommodation, HQ 23 BRTF, with no alternative, is parasiting on 77 RCC in Daporijo.

The Batton Holders

S/No	RANK	NAME	FROM	TO
1.	LT COL	J C SACHDEVA	29.03.68	04.05.68
2.	LT COL	A P R RAO	05.05.68	18.12.71
3.	LT COL	D CHAWLA	19.12.71	18.11.72
4.	LT COL	M P SHARMA	19.11.72	18.03.76
5.	SE (C)	A K MUKHERJEE	19.03.76	21.04.80
6.	SE (C)	V SRIHARIDAS	02.07.80	28.11.84
7.	LT COL	G K MALIK	29.11.84	13.07.87
8.	COL	B K MAITRA	14.07.87	14.11.89
9.	SE (C) SG	S G AFALE	15.11.89	30.11.90
10.	SE (C) SG	R P SETH	28.01.91	31.03.93
11.	SE (C) SG	G S PARHAR	30.07.93	31.12.95
12.	SE (C) SG	R K GOVIL	01.01.96	31.08.98
13.	COL	J S MITRA	01.09.98	14.06.01
14.	LT COL	R S SHARMA	15.06.01	01.09.01
	COL	R S SHARMA	02.09.01	28.11.03
15.	SE (C) FS	K B RAJU	29.11.03	06.04.04
16.	AGM(Col)	V S KATARIA	MAY 04	SEP 04
17.	AGM(Col)	SARBJIT SINGH	MAR 05	MAR 07
18.	AGM(Col)	NITIN SHARMA	MAR 07	22.09.08
19.	COL	NITIN SHARMA	23.09.08	07.05.09
20.	COL	AJIT VARUGHESE	08.05.09	20.11.11
21.	COL	S V RAMAN KUMAR	21.11.11	Till Date

Organization



Major Roads in AOR of 23 BRTF

UNITS	LENGTH IN KMS			
	GS	CSG	SARDP	TOTAL
77 RCC	219.64	-	50.00	269.64
128 RCC	67.31	183.45	-	250.76
TOTAL	286.95	183.45	50.00	520.40

S/N	NAME OF RD	LENGTH(KMS)	AGENCY
1	Ziro-Daporijo	63.60	GS- CL-9 SC-I Maint
2	Bame-Daporijo	116.60	---- do -----
3	Daporijo-Taliha	39.44	---- do -----
4	Taliha-Nacho	67.31	---- do -----
5	Nacho-TCC (N-TCC)	78.40	CSG- under constr
6	TCC-Maza (Incl Link Rds)	47.38	CSG- under constr
7	TCC-Taksing	54.00	CSG- under constr
8	Taliha-Tato (Taliha End)	50.00	SARDP- under constr

756 BRTF **RELENTLESS 756**

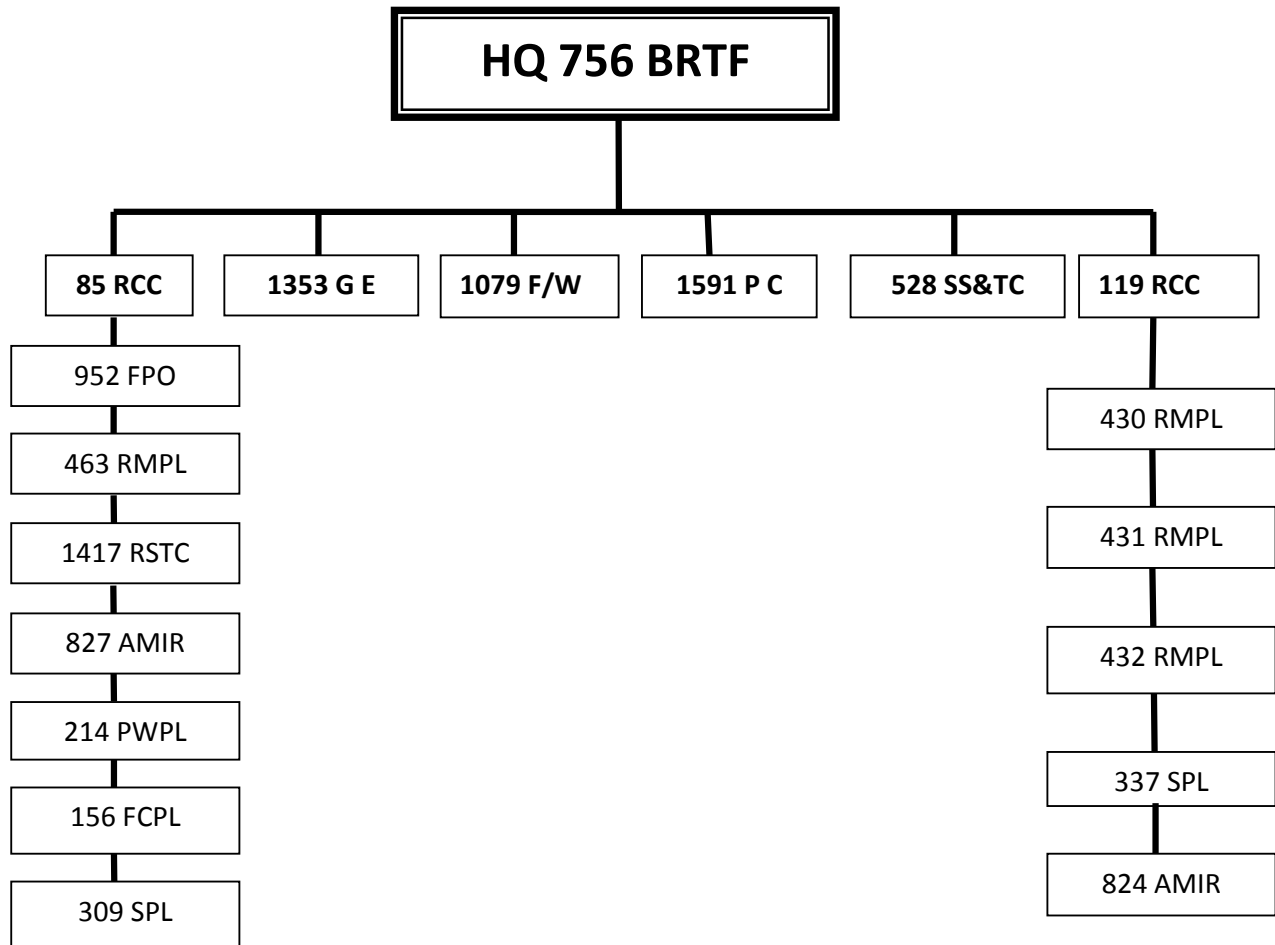


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756 Task Force was at first raised as 1310 FTF (Functional Task Force) in 1984 at Pine Grove on Ziro-Daporijo road in Arunachal Pradesh and re-organised as 756 BRTF in Nov 1986. The BRTF moved to its present location at Naharlagun on 30 Jan 1998 for administrative convenience.

'Relentless' 756 BRTF, located at Naharlagun on a picturesque hill view, is well connected at a distance of 12 km, 300 km and 420 kms from Itanagar, Tezpur and Guwahati respectively. In addition, Pawan Hans is operating Helicopter flights from Naharlagun to Guwahati and Tawang. Several places of tourist interest like Ganga Lake, Jawaharlal Nehru State Museum, Buddhist Gumpa, Indira Gandhi Park and higher learning centres like NERIST (North East Regional Institute of Science and Technology) and Rajeev Gandhi Central University are within easy reach. The rich and myriad cultures of the many tribes of Arunachal Pradesh can be witnessed throughout the year at Itanagar during festivals and cultural events.

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1310 FTF			
1	EE (Civ)	N C Mitra (Offg)	08.12.84 - 14.07.85
2	SE (Civ)	B N Panjiar	15.07.85 - 31.10.86
756 BRTF			
3	SE (Civ)	B N Panjiar	01.11.86 - 28.10.88
4	SE (Civ)	I C Dogra	29.10.88 -10.02.92
5	SE (Civ) SG	R K Mehra	11.02.92 - 31.07.94
6	SE (Civ)	G T Sivadas	01.08.94 - 06.08.96
7	SE (Civ) SG	S C Singh	07.08.96 - 04.10.98
8	SE (Civ) SG	S K Soni	05.10.98 - 09.10.2000
9	SE (Civ)	Vinod Kumar	10.10.2000-18.05.2003
10	SE (Civ)	R K Gupta	19.05.2003-25.05.2005
11	SE (Civ)	U K Pandey	26.05.2005-22.11.2007
12	SE (Civ)	Harendra Kumar	23.11.2007 - 07.09.2011
13	SE (Civ)	JK Dwivedi	08.09.2011 till date

