

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2538

ANSWERED ON:14.03.2001

INDO-MYANMAR TIES

ASHOK KUMAR PATEL;ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;BABUBHAI KHIMABHAI KATARA;CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA;DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA;RAMPAL SINGH;RAMSHETH THAKUR;RENUKA CHOWDHURY;TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a highway along the Indo-Myanmar border was inaugurated by him during his recent visit to Myanmar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the expenditure incurred so far and likely to be incurred thereon in future; and
- (d) the details of other agreements signed between the two countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a), Yes, Sir

(b) The road runs a distance of 160.5 Km.in Myanmar along the Manipur border, from Tamu to Kalemyo and Kalewa. It was built by the Border Roads Organisation. Work commenced in October, 1997 and was completed in December 2000. The road was jointly inaugurated by the Minister of External Affairs and the Minister for Construction of the Union of Myanmar on February 13, 2001.

(c) The final cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 101.73 crores. Expenditure of Rs.91.68 crores has been incurred.

(d) No agreements were signed during the recent visit of the Minister of External Affairs to Myanmar