

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3508
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DECLARATION OF DANDIAS ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Dandi, the famous site of Gandhij's Salt Satyagarh, has been declared as an ecosensitive zone by the Government;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) Whether any restrictions are likely to be imposed to visit this historic place; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENCE CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) And (b): The Ministry of Environment and Forests has issued a draft Notification vide S.O. 2566(E), dated 13th October, 2010 declaring Dandi and adjoining three villages namely, Matwad, Samapor and Onjal under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 as eco sensitive area.

(b) (c) and (d): This draft Notification proposes to restrict industrial activities, mining, large scale tourism etc., in the ecological sensitive area.