

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:310
ANSWERED ON:03.09.2012
DANDI HERITAGE ROUTE
Jardosh Smt. Darshana Vikram

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to de-link the Dandi Heritage Route from the National Highway No. 228;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the present status of developmental works on the Dandi Heritage route; and
- (d) the details of the estimates received and the amount earmarked/allocated for the purpose during the year 2012-13?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (Dr. C. P. JOSHI)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 310 FOR ANSWER ON 03.09.2012 ASKED BY SHRIMATI DARSHANA JARDOSH REGARDING DANDI HERITAGE ROUTE

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Government has decided to delink Dandi Heritage Route from the development of National Highway No. 228 with a view to preserve the original ambience and heritage nature of Dandi Heritage Route and the distinct functional requirement of a National Highway.

(c) & (d) The proposal submitted by Government of Gujarat during June, 2012 for the development of about 121 km of Heritage route to the Ministry of Culture was not as per the recommendation of High Level Dandi Memorial Committee (HLDMC). The revised plan and financial estimates of the Dandi Heritage Route as per the recommendation of High Level Dandi Memorial Committee (HLDMC) is yet to be finalized by the State Government of Gujarat and it has not been possible to start the developmental work on this Heritage Route.