

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AROUND GIR FOREST AREA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for construction of ring road around Gir Forest in the State of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said proposal is being considered for approval by the Government;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) The State Government of Gujarat had submitted a proposal for conservation of Asiatic Lion and construction of Ring Road around the Gir Protected Area System (Gir National Park and Gir, Paniya, Mitiyala and Gimar sanctuaries) in 2009. Subsequently, after a high level meeting in the Ministry of Environment and Forests with the State Government officers, the State Government had submitted a revised proposal for Gir Protected Area System indicating details of Central and State funding for biodiversity conservation and infrastructure development for Rs 262.36 crores. The revised proposal did not include construction of a Ring road around the Gir Protected Area System. No proposal has been received subsequently in the Ministry from the State Government of Gujarat regarding construction of ring road around Gir forests area. Accordingly, no further action is pending with the Ministry of Environment and Forests in this regard