

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2701

ANSWERED ON:26.08.2013

DANDI HERITAGE ROUTE

Mahendrasinh Shri Chauhan ;Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia;Pathak Shri Harin;Patil Shri C. R. ;Shukla Shri Balkrishna Khanderao Balu Shukla

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

- (a) whether as per a decision taken by the Committee of Secretaries, the Dandi Heritage route has been de-linked from National Highway No. 228;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the nodal Ministry for this project at present;
- (d) whether the work on Dandi Heritage route project has been started and if so, the details and present status thereof along with the estimates received from the State Government of Gujarat for this project and approved till date; and
- (e) whether there is any delay in the said project and if so, the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government in this regard and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. As per the decision taken by the Committee of Secretaries in their meeting dated 28.06.2011, the Dandi Heritage route has been de-linked from 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) The Ministry of Culture is the nodal Ministry for this project.

(d) & (e) The work on Dandi Heritage Route project has not been started due to non finalization of the plan and cost estimates. Government of Gujarat had submitted the proposal for development of approx. 121 kms of Heritage route, but the same was not as per the recommendations of the High Level Dandi Memorial Committee (HLDMC). The revised proposal from Govt. of Gujarat has been received in the Ministry of Culture on 31st July 2013.