

in rural areas so as to check distress migration to urban areas and to promote balanced economic growth across the country. The flagship programmes of the government are especially geared to secure economic empowerment of the rural people.

**Allocation for health and medical sector**

†1011. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Hon'ble Prime Minister had contemplated an allocation of 2.5 per cent of GDP in Twelfth Plan for health and medical sector of the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the very first year of Twelfth Five Year Plan the said proposal is not likely to be implemented; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the difficulties in the implementation of the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Hon'ble Prime Minister has contemplated that the Government must work towards increasing the total government health expenditure to 2.5% of GDP by the end of the Twelfth Plan. The President in her address to Parliament on 12th March, 2012 has stated that : "To attain the goal of universal healthcare, my Government would endeavour to increase both Plan and Non-Plan public expenditure in the Centre and the States taken together to 2.5 per cent of the GDP by the end of the Twelfth Plan."

(c) and (d) In view of the above, the question does not arise.

**Phase-II of Dandi Heritage route**

1012. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL :

SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last meeting chaired by Cabinet Secretary, it was decided to delink the National Highway from the issue of Heritage route;

(b) whether Government has received estimates for phase-II of Dandi Heritage route;

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