

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION OF PATAN-MEHSANA AND DAHEJ-BHARUCH
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of gauge conversion work between Patan-Mehsana and Dahej-Bharuch;
- (b) the target set for completion of the said projects;
- (c) whether the projects are running behind their schedule;
- (d) if so, the reason therefore; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for timely completion of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (e): Mahesana-Patan Gauge conversion work is a sanctioned work under Bhildi-Viramgam gauge conversion-cum-new line project. Tenders for collection of soil details, design and drawing of minor & major bridges awarded and work is in progress. No target date for completion of this work has yet been fixed. This work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. An amount of Rs. 31 crore (Rs. 30 crore under BOT) has been provided for Bhildi-Viramgam gauge conversion-cum-new line project during 2003-04.

Gauge conversion of Bharuch-Dahej narrow gauge line is one of the identified projects under National Rail Vikas Yojana. Further processing of sanction and funding will be done as per extant procedure.