

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4174

ANSWERED ON:20.04.2000

RAILWAY PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

BABUBHAI KHIMABHAI KATARA; BHAVNA DEVRAJ CHIKHALIA; CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA; DINSHA J. PATEL; GORDHANBHAI JAVIA; MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT; PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL; PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received some request from the Government of Gujarat and other organisations for construction of new railway lines, extension of railway lines, gauge conversion of metre/narrow gauge rail lines into broad gauge and doubling of rail lines during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Railways thereon alongwith expenditure incurred on survey, project-wise;

(c) the details of the new railway lines laid, converted into broad gauge and doubled during the last three years alongwith expenditure incurred thereon;

(d) the details and the present status of on-going rail projects/pending rail projects alongwith funds earmarked and expenditure incurred thereon so far, project-wise; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4174 to be answered on 20.04.2000 asked by S/Shri Pravin Rashtrapal, P.S. Gadhave, G.J. Javiya, Dinsha Patel, Manikrao Hodlya Gavit, Babubhai K. Katara, Chandresh Patel and Shrimati Bhavna Chikhalia regarding Railway Projects in Gujarat.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Details are as under:

Sl. No	Project	Expenditure incurred	Action taken
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GAUGE Project Survey
CONVERSION

1.	Gauge conversion of Rajkot-Veraval and its extension upto Kodinar/Somnath	18.19 0.0764	Gauge conversion of Rajkot-Veraval is sanctioned. Earthwork, minor bridges and strengthening of major bridges have been taken up and are in progress. The work is expected to be completed during the coming years depending upon availability of resources.
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A survey for extension of line upto Kodinar/Somnath has

already been completed and the survey report is under examination.

2. Gauge 15.01 0.12 The earthwork and conversion of bridge work on this Surendranagar- project is already in Dhola-Dhasa- good progress. It is Mahuva with proposed to take up the extension track work through a upto Pipavav Special Purpose Vehicle in which Railway, Gujarat Pipavav Port Ltd. will hold equity and part funds will be from market borrowings. A Memorandum of Understanding in this connection has recently been signed with Gujarat Pipavav Port Ltd. to implement the scheme accordingly.
3. (a) Gauge 11.43 0.4158 Work has been conversion of sanctioned. Work is Viramgam- being progressed as per Mahesana (A availability of part of resources. No target Bhildi- date has been fixed. Viramgam project)
- (b) Mehsana- Work of gauge Patan (A part conversion of Mahesana- of Bhildi- Patan is being Viramgam progressed as per project) availability of resources. Work of reconstruction of bridges in this section has already been completed. No target date has been fixed.
4. Navlakhi- 19.42 Nil Work on gauge conversion of Navlakhi- Dahinsara, conversion of Navlakhi- Morbi- Dahinsara and Morbi- Wankaner and Dahinsara-Maliya Miyana MG line has already Morbi- been completed. The Dahinsara- work on rest of the Maliya Miyana section i.e. Wankaner- Morbi is in good progress and will be completed during 2000-01.
5. Gandhidham- 8.30 0.0460 Work on Gandhidham-Bhuj Bhuji-Nalia is sanctioned and is in good progress and is targeted for completion during 2000-01. Survey for gauge conversion of Bhuji-Nalia has already been completed and survey report is being examined in consultation with the Ministry of Defence. Further decision will be taken in due course based on the availability of

resources and results
of the survey.

6. Gandhidham- 10.00 0.1409 Work has been
Samakhiali- sanctioned in the
Palanpur Budget 1998-99 and will
be taken up after
obtaining the requisite
clearances. Necessary
action has already been
initiated in this
regard.
7. Dharangadhara- 3.09 0.0050 Works has been included
Kuda Salt in the Supplementary
siding Budget 1997-98. Work
is being executed on
cost sharing basis with
the Government of
Gujarat and Ministry of
Industry and expected
to be completed during
2000-01 subject to the
balance amount from co-
sharers becoming
available.
8. Bharuch-Samni- Nil 0.0407 Bharuch-Samni-Dahej has
Dahej been covered in the
proposed 3rd line from
Ahmedabad to Virar.
However, after
considering the
proposals for new works
and the availability of
resources, it has not
been found possible to
include the conversion
of this section in the
Budget 2000-01.
9. Ankleshwar- Nil Nil Surveys conducted in
Rajpipla the past have revealed
inadequate traffic
prospects for this
line. As such, it has
not been found possible
to take up the work for
the present.
- 10 Ahmedabad- Nil 0.0812 A survey for gauge
Himmatnagar conversion of Ahmedabad-
Himmatnagar-Udaipur is
already in progress.
Further consideration
of the project would be
possible once the
survey report becomes
available.
- 11 Ahmedabad- Nil Nil This proposal is under
Vijapur examination.
- 12 Dabhoi- Nil 0.0237 Survey for gauge
Miyagam conversion of this line
has already been
completed as an
alternative line of the
proposed alignment for
3rd line between Virar-

Ahmedabad. However, this line could not be considered as part of 3rd line as the alignments on western side of Virar-Ahmedabad BG line has been found most suitable for the 3rd line on operational consideration.

In view of this, conversion of this line would not be possible in the near future.

- 13 Chhotaudepur- Nil 0.1224 A survey for gauge
Pratapnagar conversion of this line
is already in progress.
Further consideration
of this project would
be possible once the
survey report becomes
available.

NEW LINE

1. Kapadvanj- 50.00 0.0089 The gauge conversion
Modasa work between Nadiad &
Kapadvanj which was a
part of the sanctioned
project was completed
in 92-93. On the new
line portion, work is
now in good progress
and is expected to be
completed during 2000-01.
2. Godhra-Dahod- 21.09 0.57 This work is being
Indore and executed in phases.
Dewas-Maksi The first phase work
between Dewas & Maksi
is now in progress.
Work is in progress on
all 8 major bridges.
Work on all 49 minor
bridges have been
completed. The other
items like earthwork
and ballast supply are
also in progress. This
section is expected to
be completed in the 9th
Plan period, subject to
availability of
resources.

DOUBLING

1. Additional Nil Nil Double line already
track for exists between
Ahmedabad- Ahmedabad and Viramgam
Gandhidham- Beyond Viramgam, the
Kandla present level of
traffic can be handled
conveniently on the
existing single line.
Doubling of this
section would be
considered as and when
the traffic reaches the
level to justify its
doubling.

(c) : Navlakhi-Dahinsara & Morbi-Dahinsara-Maliya MiyanaMG line a part of Wankaner-Maliya Miyana gauge conversion project has been converted into BG. An expenditure of Rs. 19.42 crs. has been incurred on this project so far.

(d)&(e): Details are given in the appendix.

Appendix in reply to part (d) & (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 4174 for 20.04.2000.

DETAILS OF ONGOING/PENDING RAIL PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

Sl. No.	Project (Rs. in Cr.)	Length (Km)	Cost upto 31.3.2000	Expenditure upto 31.3.2000	Budget Outlay	Status
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NEW LINE

1. Kapadvanj-Modasa 59.71 62.74 50.00 10.00 Position is explained above in reply to part (b).
2. Godhra-Indore Dewas-Maksi 316 597 21.09 10.00 Position is explained above in reply to part (b)..
3. Gandhinagar-Adraj Moti-Kalol 20 52 0.00 2.00 New work included in the Budget 2000-2001.

GAUGE CONVERSION

1. Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad 0.00 15.00 Work already completed and commissioned. Residual works are in progress.
2. Bhildi-Viramgam 157 8 64.88 11.43 6.90 Position is explained above in reply to part (b).
3. Rajkot-Veraval 185 4 153.4 18.19 10.00 Position is explained above in reply to part (b).
4. Wankaner-Malia Miyana 97 8 82.48 19.42 30.00 Position is explained above in reply to part (b).
5. Gandhidham-Bhuj 58 52 8.30 20.00 Position is explained above in reply to part (b).
6. Surendernagar Bhavnagar 385 536.1 15.01 53.00 Position is explained above in reply to part (b).
7. Dharangadha ra-Kuda siding 22 13.27 3.09 0.01 Position is explained above in reply to part (b).

8. Gandhidham- 313 337.8 10.00 3.00 Position is explained
Palanpur above in reply to part (b).

DOUBLING

1. Surat- 31 49 0.00 1.00 New work included in
Kosamba PH- the Budget 2000-2001.
1 of 3rd
line between
Vadodara
and Virar