

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2368

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RAILWAY PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of new/on-going and pending railway projects in Gujarat, alongwith target fixed for completion, project-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereon so far, project-wise;
- (c) the time schedule for completion of these projects;
- (d) whether the Union Government has also received requests from various quarters for new railway projects in Gujarat;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI R. VELU )

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2368 BY S/SHRI VIKRAMBHAIR ARJANBHAI MADAM, V.K. THUMMAR, JASUBHAI DHANABHAI BARAD AND JIVABHAI AMBALAL PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.12.2005 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

(a) to (c): Details of new/ongoing projects falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat, funds allocated, expenditure incurred thereon and target date for completion wherever fixed is as under:-

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(Rs. in crore)

Sl No.	PROJECT	Year of inclusion in Budget	Cost upto March 2005	Expenditure upto March 2005	Budget 2005-06	Status
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**NEW LINES**

- 1 Gandhinagar- 2000-01 49.96 24.82 15 On this project, 42.20 hectare out of Kalol 51.19 hectare land has been acquired and earthwork, bridgeworks and ballasting has been taken up. Work on Gandhinagar-Kalol section is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
- 2 Godhra- 1989-90 946.16 58.62 15 On this project, work on Dewas - Indore Maksi (36 Km) has been completed via Dahod, and commissioned. Necessary action to obtain requisite clearances to take up Sardarpur, work on the remaining section i.e. Dharwad Dewas-Maksi Godhra-Indore has also been initiated.

## GAUGE CONVERSION

- 1 Gandhidham- 1998-99 344.62 152.88 100 This project is being executed by Rail Palanpur Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL) through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) named "Kutch Rail Company". On this project, earthwork, bridges and ballasting has been taken up. Work on Palanpur-Samakhiali section is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
- 2 Rajkot-Veraval 1994-95 359.8 227.99 5 Work on Rajkot-Veraval section (186 Wansjalia to km) has been completed. Works on Jetalsar with gauge conversion of Wansjalia-Jetalsar new line from and new line from Veraval to Somnath Veraval to Somnath have also been taken up.
- 3 Bhildi-Viramgam 1990-91 199.75 98.27 5 The project consists of gauge conversion from Viramgam to Patan and construction of new line of 52.64 kms between Patan and Bhildi. Work on Viramgam-Mahesana (65 kms) has been completed and commissioned.
- 4 Phulera-Marwar-1993-94 621.85 467.92 3 The work on main line has been Ahmedabad & completed and commissioned except Delhi-Rewari 2nd residual works of Sabarmati- Khodiyar line and Ahmedabad Yard remodeling. Gauge conversion of Rewari-Delhi (82.5 kms) is also a part of this work where formation works have been completed and is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
- 6 Bhildi-Samdari 1990-91 244.74 2.77 30 This work was sanctioned in 1990-91 as a part of Kandla-Bhatinda rail link. The work was earlier given lower priority in view of gauge conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad. The project is being implemented under National Rail Vikas Yojana by RVNL. Earthwork & bridge works on Samdari-Bhinmal section has been taken up.
- 7 Pratapnagar- 2005-06 148.61 - 4 Final location survey has been taken Chhota Udepur up.
- 8 Surendranagar-1996-97 440.18 433.98 4.50 Work completed except Surendranagar-Bhavnagar, Dhola- Dharangdhara. Dhasa-Mahuva with extension to Pipavav

## DOUBLING

- 1 Surat-Kosamba 2000-01 49 0.39 8.62 This Project is being regulated as per (Phase-I) low operational Oper priority.

(d) to (f): Record of each and every demand for taking up new project is not maintained. However, some of the proposals received by the Government in the last few years for construction of new lines, gauge conversion and doubling in the State of Gujarat and action taken thereon is as under:-

S.No Proposal Action Taken

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NEW LINE

1. Veraval-Somnath- This new line work from Veraval Kodinar to Somnath was included as part of Rajkot-Veraval gauge conversion project. Somnath-Kodinar survey has been completed.
2. Surendranagar-Limbdi- Work on Surendranagar-Limbdi has Loliya-Wadgaon- been completed. In view of heavy Khambat-Kavi- throwforward of ongoing projects and acute constraint of Jambusar-Bharuch and Surendranagar-Limbdi- resources, it has not been found Bagodara-Khambat- feasible to consider remaining Bharuch portion of this proposal.
3. Extension of rail Survey has recently been line from Modasa to completed. Titoi
4. Khargoda-Santalpur Survey has been sanctioned.
5. Bhavnagar Port- Survey from Bhavnagar to Tarapur Dholera Port-Tarapur via Dholera has been sanctioned.
6. Extension upto It is one of the identified Port Hazira Port new line Connectivity projects entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL). Bankability study have been done and project found bankable. Memorandum of Understanding for this project has been signed.
7. Jaisalmer-Kandla Survey has been taken up.
8. Ningala-Khijadia Survey has been taken up.
9. Jambusar-Bhavnagar In view of heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and acute constraint of resources, it is not feasible to consider this proposal.

GAUGE CONVERSION

1. Bharuch-Dahej It is one of the identified Port Connectivity projects entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL). Memorandum of Understanding for this project has been signed.

2. Ahmedabad-Bhavnagar/Palitana Work on gauge conversion of Surendernagar-Botad-Dhola-Sihor-Bhavnagar and Sihor-Palitana has been completed. Survey for gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Botad has been sanctioned.
3. Surendranagar-Joravarnagar-Sayla Gauge conversion work on Surendranagar-Joravarnagar has been completed. Joravarnagar-Sayla rail line has been dismantled long back.
4. Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Khedbrahma Survey for gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Umra has been sanctioned.
5. Wansjalia-Jetalsar This line was included as part of Rajkot-Veraval gauge conversion project.
6. Dhasa-Jetalsar Survey has been sanctioned.
7. Mahesana-Taranga Hill and its extension upto Abu Road and Ambaji Updating survey for gauge conversion of Mahesana-Taranga Hill with extension upto Ambaji is included in the Budget 2005-06.
8. Bhuj-Naliya Updating survey for gauge conversion of Bhuj-Naliya with extension to Baranda/Koteswar is included in the Budget 2005-06.

#### DOUBLING

1. Surat-Bhusawal Double BG line already exists on Surat-Udhna and Bhusawal-Jalgaon sections. A survey for doubling of Udhna-Jalgaon section has been completed recently.
2. Virar-Dahanu Road On this section, augmentation of the line capacity has been taken up.
3. Ahmedabad-Mumbai 3rd line An updating survey for construction of 3rd line between Virar and Ahmedabad has been completed. In view of saturation on this section, it has been decided to augment the line capacity of the route by adopting automatic signaling. However, in phase-I, the work of 3rd line from Surat to Kosamba has already been taken up.
4. Godhra-Vadodara 3rd line Survey for 3rd line on Ratlam-Godhra-Vadodara section included in the Budget 2005-06.