

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress so far made on the Gandhidham-Palanpur gauge conversion project;
- (b) the expenditure incurred on the project till March 31,2006; and
- (c) the time by which the work on the project is scheduled to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a): Palanpur-Samakhiali section (248 kms) has been completed, and opened for goods traffic. On Samakhiali-Gandhidham section (51 kms), 14% earthwork has been completed and bridgework & ballast collection are progressing.
- (b): The likely expenditure upto March,2006 is Rs.351.309 crore.
- (c): During 2006-07.