

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4117
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BHARUCH- DAHEJ GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECT
Chavda Shri Harisinh Pratapsinh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have approved the Bharuch-Dahej gauge conversion project;
- (b) if so, the time by which the construction work is likely to start; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the approval is expected to be accorded to the project ?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The project has been transferred to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Railways, for execution. It has been included in the Railway Budget 2006-07 only. Final Location Survey of the project has been completed. The project specific Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) which will include RVNL and other stakeholders and which will execute the project is under finalization. An amount of Rs.10 crore has been provided for the project during the year 2006-07. The work will start only after formation of SPV and financial arrangement is achieved after signing of the shareholders' agreement.

(c): Does not arise.