

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF BROAD GAUGE RAIL ROUTES IN GUJARAT

Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

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

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat had requested the Union Government for upgradation of broad-gauge rail for the five rail routes viz. extension of Rajkot-Veraval line to Somnath and Kodinar, connecting Gandhinagar with Amadvad-Delhi B.G. line, Mehsana-Viramgarh, Mehsana-Patan and Bharuch-Dahej;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(c) the time by which the above projects are likely to be taken up?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Work of extension of Rajkot-Veraval line upto Somnath, linking Gandhinagar with Ahmedabad-Delhi main line and gauge conversion of Viramgam-Mahesana-Patan have already been taken up and works are in different stages of progress.

Gauge conversion of Bharuch-Dahej narrow gauge line has been included under National Rail Vikas Yojana but is yet to be sanctioned.

Work on Viramgam-Mahesana section is targeted for completion during 2004-05 and remaining works will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.