

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1351

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PROVISIONS OF ADDITIONAL TRACK AT AHMEDABAD-MUMBAI RAILWAY LINE

Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the existing capacity of Ahmedabad-Mumbai Railway line has been over utilized;
- (b) if so, the Government propose to consider to augment the capacity of this line by providing additional track; and
- (c) if so, the time by which the above project is likely to be taken up?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The section capacity is being augmented by introduction of Automatic Block Signalling system in Ahmedabad-Mumbai section, providing additional loop lines, yard remodelling, extension of loops and conversion of Halt class stations into Block stations in this section. The work of 3rd line from Surat to Kosamba has also been sanctioned. Further, an updating survey for 3rd line from Virar to Ahmedabad has been included in the Budget 2004-05.