

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:438

ANSWERED ON:01.03.2007

GAUGE CONVERSION OF RAIL LINES IN GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the length of metre gauge and narrow gauge rail lines in Gujarat,section-wise;
- (b) the time frame fixed for conversion of these rail lines into broad gauge rail lines ;
- (c) the progress so far made relating to gauge conversion between Mahesana and Patan; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Railways to expedite the completion of gauge conversion project ?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.438 BY SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA AND SHRI JIVABHAI AMBALAL PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 1.03.2007 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION OF RAIL LINES IN GUJARAT.

(a):The section-wise length of metre gauge and narrow gauge rail lines (route kilometres) in Gujarat as on 31.3.2006 (latest available) is given below:-

S.No. Name of Section Route Kilometres
Metre Gauge

1.	Ahemdabad - Khedbhrahma	142
2.	Ahemdabad - Khodiyar	17
3.	Chanasma - Ranuj	13
4.	Dhasa - Wansjaliya	195
5.	Gandhidham - Kandla	12
6.	Junagadh - Visavadar	42
7.	Katosan - Chanasma	52
8.	Kalol - Katosan	38
9.	Kalol - Vijaur - Ambliyasana	89
10.	Khijadiya - Veraval	164
11.	Mahesana - Patan	40
12.	Mahesana - Sabarmati	52
13.	Mahesana - Tarangahill	56
14.	New Bhuj - Naliya	101
15.	Gandhidham - Samkhiyali	53
16.	Prachi Road - Delvada	50
17.	Prachi Road - Kodinar	26

18.Samdari - Bhildi 54
19.Sabarmati - Botad 165
20.Surendra Nagar - Dhrangadhra 35
21.Talala - Prachi Road 20
22.Udaipur- Himmat Nagar 59

Narrow Gauge

1.Ankleshwar - Rajpipla 63
2.Bharuch - Kavi 76
3.Bilimora - Waghai 63
4.Chhuchhapura - Tankhala 38
5.Choranda - Motikoral 18
6.Dabhoi - Chandod 16
7Dabhoi - Timba Road 100
8.Jambusar - Chhota Udepur 151
9.Jhangadia - Netrang 31
10.Kosmba - Umarpada 62
11.Miyagam Karjan - Dabhol 32
12.Miyagam Karjan - Choranda - Malsar 38
13.Nadiad - Bhadran 60
14.Samni - Dahej 39

(b): No time frame has been fixed for conversion of all Metre Gauge/Narrow Gauge into Broad Gauge.

(c)& (d): On Mahesana - Patan section, earth work, bridges etc. taken up.The section is targeted for completion during 2007-08. Necessary funds have been provided and progress has been expedited to complete the conversion as per the target.