

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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THIRD TRACK BETWEEN SURAT AND AHMEDABAD
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to lay third track between Surat and Ahmedabad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the work has already been started;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A survey for construction of 3rd line between Virar and Ahmedabad had been completed in 1998. As per the survey, the cost of construction of an additional track between Virar and Ahmedabad had been assessed as Rs. 1665.12 crore.

It has been decided to augment the line capacity of the existing route by adopting automatic signalling and other traffic facility works which would take care of smooth running of trains through this section.

The work of 3rd line from Surat to Kosamba has been sanctioned. Further, an updating survey for 3rd line from Virar to Ahmedabad has been included in the Budget 2004-05.

(e): Does not arise.