

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2332

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RAILWAY PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received any proposals from the Government of Gujarat for construction of new rail lines, gauge conversion in the State and extension of rail line upto Dhora via Ropar City, Kutch;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise; and

(c) whether the Railways have any plan to construct a rail line between Ghandhidham-Ropar and Dhora?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2332 BY SHRIMATI POONAM VILJIBHAI JAT & SHRI KUNVARJIBHAI M. BAVALIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03-12-2009 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN GUJARAT.

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Government of Gujarat has requested for taking up some new rail lines and gauge conversion projects. However, there is no such proposal for extension of rail line up to Dhora via Ropar City. The details of proposals received for taking up new projects with status is as under:

S. No. Proposal Status

New Line

- 1 Viramgam- Sankeshwar Survey not taken up.
- 2 Daman-Nasik Survey not taken up.
- 3 Nadiad- Tarapur- Kheda- Matar Survey not taken up.
- 4 Tarapur-Mahemdavad Survey not taken up.
- 5 Mahesana- Harij-Radhanpur Survey completed and work not taken up.
- 6 Vejalpur- Botad Survey not taken up.
- 7 Rajkot- Jaipur- Marwad Survey not taken up
- 8 Porbandar- Porbandar Port Survey completed.
- 9 Surat- Hazira Survey completed and work not taken up.

Gauge Conversion

- 1 Ahmedabad- Khedbham- Ambaji Work taken up in Ahmedabad- Himmatnagar section as part of Ahmedabad- Himmatnagar- Udaipur gauge conversion project. Survey for balance section of Himmatnagar- Khedabrahma with extension to Abu Road via Ambaji taken up and likely to be completed by March, 2010.
- 2 Ahmedabad-Botad-Bhavnagar & extension Proposal for Ahmedabad-Botad and Dhasa-up to Khizadiya Jn. via Jasdan and Jetalsar conversion was processed for Dhasa-Jetalsar and extension "In principle" approval of Planning Commission, who desired that the gauge conversion of the section may be deferred for the present as the projected traffic do not justify immediate conversion. Further, a survey for new line between Botad-Gondal via Jasdan has been sanctioned and survey taken up.

- 3 Bilmora-Waghai gauge conversion & Survey for gauge conversion/new extension to Manamad Jn. via line for Bilmora-Waghai-Manmad Ahwa-Saputrara has been taken up.
- 4 Dhasa-Veraval gauge conversion with Veraval- Jetalsar is already existing Visavadar-Junagadh line B.G. section. The gauge conversion of Dhasa- Jetalsar deferred for the present as the projected traffic does not justify immediate conversion. Further, survey for gauge conversion of Khijadiya- Amreli- Visvadar- Junagarh taken up.
- 5 Ahmedabad-Mehasana 2nd line gauge Separate survey for Ahmedabad- Mehsana not conversion sanctioned. However, this is a part of Ahmedabad- Palanpur- Delhi doubling survey which is in progress.
- 6 Godhra-Lunawada gauge conversion & Survey for Godhara- Lunavada with extension extension to Himmatnagar via Modasa & to Himmatnagar via Modasa not sanctioned. gauge conversion of Himmatnagar- Survey for Himmatnagar- Khedbrahma line Khedbrama line extension to Abu with extension to Abu Road via Ambaji Road via Ambaji. taken up.
- 7 Ahmedabad-Mehasana-Taranga-Ambaji Survey completed.
- 8 Bhavnagar-Mahuva It is already on broad gauge line.
- 9 Wankaner-Bhuj-Naliya A broad gauge line already exists from Wankaner to Bhuj. The conversion of Bhuj-Naliya has been taken up.
- 10 Narrow gauge railway lines under Gauge conversion of Bharuch- Samni- Dahej, jurisdiction of Vadodara Railway Pratapnagar- Chhotaudepur and Ankleshwar- Division Rajpipla has been taken up.
- 11 Viramgam-Samakhiali It is already on broad gauge.
- 12 Navlakhi-Maliya-Rajkot It is already on broad gauge.
- 13 Mahesana-Viramgam It is already on broad gauge.
- 14 Viramgam-Surendrangar It is already on broad gauge.
- 15 Samakhiali-Gandhidham-Kandla It is already on broad gauge. The doubling of Gandhidham-Kandla Port by gauge conversion of meter gauge line to broad gauge has been included in Budget 2009-10.
- 16 Gandhidham-Anjar-Mundra It is already on broad gauge.

17 Bhavnagar-Adhelal-Dholera-Petlad There is no such railway line.

18 Dholera-Bhimnath There is no such railway line.

19 Khambhat to Port There is no such railway line.