

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1402
ANSWERED ON 30.07.2021

**ELECTRIFICATION AND DOUBLING OF JODHPUR-AHMEDABAD
RAILWAY LINE**

1402 # SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the plan for electrification and doubling of Jodhpur-Ahmedabad railway line via Bhildi line, Merta road to Pushkar;
- (b) the details of completion date and delay of the approved schemes along with their financial and physical projects; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to start any intercity train from Jodhpur to Ahmedabad, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1402 BY SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 30.07.2021 REGARDING ELECTRIFICATION AND DOUBLING OF JODHPUR-AHMEDABAD RAILWAY LINE

(a) The status of Electrification on existing line(s) of Jodhpur-Ahmedabad railway line via Bhildi line and Merta Road to Pushkar is as under:

Section	Status
Jodhpur-Bhildi-Mehsana	Work is under different stages of execution.
Mehsana-Ahmedabad	Already electrified.
Merta Road-Merta City	Work is under execution.
Merta City-Pushkar	Line does not exist

New line/Double line shall be electrified along with construction of New line/Double line.

On Jodhpur-Ahmedabad and Merta Road to Pushkar section, the details of doubling of railway line is as under:

- (i) Jodhpur-Luni section (32 Km): This section is already an existing double broad gauge line section.
- (ii) Luni-Samdari-Bhildi section (273 Km): Doubling of this section has been included in the Budget 2020-21 subject to requisite approvals from the Government.
- (iii) Bhildi-Palanpur (45 Km): Double line has been taken up as part of Palanpur-Samkhiali doubling project work.
- (iv) Palanpur-Mehsana (65 Km): Doubling work is progress.
- (v) Mehsana-Ahmedabad (69 Km): Gauge conversion has been taken up 44 Km section have been commissioned and work taken up in remaining section. Completion of this Gauge Conversion will complete doubling of Ahmedabad-Mehsana section.
- (vi) Pushkar-Merta new line (59 Km): The project was included in the Budget 2013-14 subject to requisite government approval. The project could not be taken forward being financially unviable.

(b) Indian Railways has total Broad Gauge (BG) network of 64,689 Route kilometer (RKM) including 740 RKM of Konkan Railway. Out of these 45,881 RKM i.e. about 71% has already been electrified till 31.03.2021. Electrification work is in progress under different stages of planning/execution on balance BG routes of IR and to be electrified expeditiously. About ₹ 21,000 crore are estimated to be incurred on electrification of balance Broad Gauge routes of Indian Railways.

(c) In view of the prevailing situation, Indian Railways is presently operating only special trains keeping in view the concerns and suggestions of State Governments and health advisories. The situation Jodhpur-Ahmedabad sector is presently being served inter alia by daily special services of 04803/04 Bhagat Ki Kothi-Sabarmati Special Express and 04819/20 Bhagat Ki Kothi-Sabarmati Special Express.
