

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 925
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2024

JUNAGADH, SOMNATH, VERAVAL BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINE

925# SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

by when the work of Amreli, Chalala, Dhari, Visavadar, Junagadh, Somnath, Veraval broad gauge railway line will be completed in Gujarat?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 925 BY SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.02.2024 REGARDING JUNAGADH, SOMNATH, VERAVAL BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINE

Khijadiya-Amreli (17 km) Gauge Conversion project, part of Khijadiya-Amreli-Chalala-Visavadar, has been sanctioned in current Financial Year 2023-24. Visavadar-Junagarh (42 km) Gauge Conversion project has been sanctioned in 2022-23. Moreover, Junagarh-Veraval-Somnath is already a Broad Gauge railway line. The work has been taken up on these projects.

Further, as on 01.04.2023, total 36 Railway Infrastructure Projects (6 New Line, 18 Gauge Conversion and 12 Doubling), of total length of 3,200 km, costing ₹30,789 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat are in planning/ approval/ construction stages, out of which 735 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹6,113 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023. These include:

- (i) 6 New Line projects of total length of 520 km costing ₹6,950 crore, out of which 90 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,227 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.
- (ii) 18 Gauge Conversion projects of total length of 1,567 km costing ₹12,336 crore, out of which 645 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,527 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.
- (iii) 12 Doubling projects of total length of 1,113 km costing ₹11,502 crore, out of which an expenditure of ₹360 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.

New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat are covered by Western Railway and North Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zone-wise details of all Railway Projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat is as under:

Period	Budget Outlay	Increase w.r.t. average annual allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	₹589 crore/year	-
2023-24	₹8,332 crore	14.14 times

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Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat is as under:

Period	Total Track Commissioned	Average Track Commissioned	Increase w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	660 km	132 km/year	-
2014-23	1,677 km	186 km/year	1.41 times

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors like land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project/s site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the project/s.
