

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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STATUS OF WORK ON BRIDGE AT DHOLA JUNCTION IN BHAVNAGAR

3294 # SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the work of the bridge on the state highway near Dhola Junction in the Bhavnagar district of Gujarat, as on 01/01/2025 along with the name of contractor, the total cost of the contract, and the date on which it was awarded;
- (b) the time limit by when this work was supposed to be completed;
- (c) the reasons for non-completion of the work so far; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government for the early completion of this work?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A work for construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Km 121/4-5 at Non-Level Crossing location between Dhola and Sanosara stations at Dhola by pass has been sanctioned on deposit terms on the request of Govt. of Gujarat.

This work has been taken up by Roads and Buildings (R&B) department, State Government of Gujarat on single entity basis. Railway has already given the all necessary approval as required by State Govt.

As per the information collected from State Govt., the contract has been awarded at the cost of ₹ 32.65 crore. Utility shifting for this project has been completed and land acquisition has been taken up. 05 Nos. piers out of 20 Nos. have been completed.

Further, sanctioning of works of Road over Bridge (ROB)/Road under Bridge (RUB) in lieu of Level crossings (LCs) is a continuous and dynamic process of Indian Railway. Such works are prioritised and taken up on the basis of its impact on safety in train operations, mobility of trains & impact for road users and feasibility etc.

As on 01.02.2025, 4,344 Nos. ROBs/ RUBs are sanctioned at cost of ₹ 97,422 crore on Indian Railways including 299 Nos. Road Over Bridge (ROB)/Road Under Bridge (RUB) at cost of ₹ 7,603 crore in the state of Gujarat, which are at various stages of planning and execution. During 2014-25 (Feb'25), 1,098 Nos. ROBs/ RUBs have been constructed in the State of Gujarat.

Completion of any ROB/RUB work depends on various factors like, fixing of approach alignment, approval of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD), land acquisition, removal of encroachment, shifting of infringing utilities, statutory clearances from various authorities, law and order situation in the area of project / work sites, number of working months in a year for particular project / work sites due to climatic conditions etc. All these factors affect the completion time of the projects / works.
