

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 68
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016**

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY LINES

68. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has received proposals from the Government of Gujarat for construction of new railway lines, gauge conversion of the existing lines and doubling of tracks to cope with the movement of goods from ports and industrial townships to the large hinterland; and**
- (b) if so, the action taken so far to implement the sanctioned work, if any, and towards sanctioning of remaining work, proposal-wise?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 68 BY SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.11.2016 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY LINES

(a) & (b): Requests for new lines, gauge conversion and doubling, both formal as well as informal, are received by Railways at various levels i.e. Railway Board, Zonal Railways and Divisional Headquarters, etc. As receipt of such requests/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, in recent past Government of Gujarat has suggested certain works, the details of which are appended.

Two new lines, eight gauge conversion and nine doubling projects covering a length of 363 km., 1467 km and 984 km and costing ₹ 3766 crore, ₹ 6510 crore and ₹ 6477 crore respectively falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat have been sanctioned which also will help in development of ports and industries. On these projects, an expenditure of ₹ 4359.47 crore has been incurred upto March, 2016, with an outlay of ₹ 3670 crore for the year 2016-17. Besides these projects, Bhimnath-Dholera (28 km) new line project has also been included in the Budget 2016-17 subject to requisite approvals from the Government.

Completion of these projects is dependent upon many factors such as land acquisition, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, cutting of trees, construction of road over bridges and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies, apart from availability of adequate funds. Since many of these factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways, timelines for completion of all the projects are not feasible to be fixed.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 68 BY SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.11.2016 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY LINES

(a) & (b): Details and status of works suggested by Government of Gujarat in the recent past are as under:

S.No.	Subject	Status
	New Line	
1	Provision of adequate funds for new line between Somnath to Kodinar for development of Chhara Port	Somnath to Kodinar new line has been added to Rajkot - Veraval gauge conversion project as material modification. The main project of gauge conversion has already been completed. An outlay of ₹ 50 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2016-17. Land acquisition has been taken up. Tender for major bridges is under finalisation. The allotment of funds for the year 2016-17 is sufficient in present stage of land acquisition for the project.
2	New Railway line Bhavnagar-Adhelai-Dholera-Vataman-Petland (Survey proposed)	Bhavnagar-Adhelai-Dholera-Vataman-Petland: Survey for Bhavnagar to Tarapur New Line via Dholera, has been completed. Cost of this line has been assessed as ₹ 745 crores with RoR of (-) 1% and Planning Commission has not agreed to the proposal.
3	Dholera-Bhimnath (Survey proposed)	The work included in the Budget 2016-17 subject to requisite approvals from the Government.
4	Khambhat to Khambhat Port (Survey proposed)	Khambhat to Khambhat Port: Survey for this 20 Km line was sanctioned in 2013-14 but Gujarat Maritime Board has informed that Khambhat port will not be developed due to the construction of Kalpsar Dam at location of Khambhat Port.

	Gauge Conversion	
1.	Gauge conversion of existing MG/NG rail line Ahmedabad-Botad-Bhavnagar.	Botad-Bhavnagar is already a broad gauge section. Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Botad has been taken up at an anticipated cost of ₹ 567 crores. An expenditure of ₹ 75 crore has been incurred upto March, 2016. An outlay of ₹ 102 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2016-17. Final Location Survey, earthwork, bridges work and station building work have been taken up.
	Doubling	
1	Bhruch-Samni-Dahej	Gauge conversion of this section has been completed and commissioned. At present, there is no proposal for doubling of this section.
2	Surendranagar-Botad-Dhasa-Rajula-Pipavav	Survey for this project has not been sanctioned.
3.	Surendranagar-Viramgam-Mehsana	(a) Doubling of Viramgam-Surendranagar (65 Km) section has been completed and commissioned in 2015. (b) Viramgam- Mahesana: No survey for doubling of this section has been taken up.
4.	Palanpur-Bhildi-Samkhiali-Gandhidham-Mundra (Survey completed)	Palanpur-Bhildi-Samakhiali-Gandhidham-Mundra: On this route, (a) Doubling of Palanpur- Bhildi- Samakhyali has been taken up at an anticipated cost of ₹ 1267 crore being funded by Kutch Railway Company Ltd. An outlay of ₹ 151 crore has been provided for the year 2016-17. Final location survey, bridges work and Road Under Bridges (RUB) work have been taken up.

		<p>(b) Samakhayali- Gandhidham-Adipur is already an existing double broad gauge line section.</p> <p>(c) No survey for doubling of Adipur- Mundra has been sanctioned.</p>
5	Viramgam-Samakhaili-Gandhidham (proposed to be taken up in 2011-12)	<p>Viramgam-Samakhaili-Gandhidham: Viramgam-Sadla (21 km), Jatpipli-Vasadva (12 km) & Chuli-Sukhpur (10 km) sections have been completed & commissioned. Works in balance section have been taken up.</p> <p>Samakhayali-Gandhidham is already an existing double line section.</p>
6	Ahmedabad-Mehsana-Jaipur	<p>(a) The work of Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Mehsana (70 km) metre gauge (MG) line running parallel to existing broad gauge (BG) line has been included in the Budget 2015-16. Detailed estimate has been sanctioned. Tendering for earthwork bridges work, ballast supply, track linking have been taken up.</p> <p>(b) Survey for Doubling of Mehsana-Palanpur (65 Km) section has been taken up.</p> <p>(c) Doubling of Palanpur-Ajmer has been sanctioned in different patches and works have been taken up.</p> <p>(d) Ajmer-Jaipur is already a double line section.</p>
7	Rajkot-Veraval	<p>Rajkot-Veraval doubling surveys (in 2 parts) have been taken up.</p>
8	Rajkot-Okha	<p>Survey has been taken up.</p>

9	Rajkot-Viramgam	<p>(a) Doubling of Surendranagar-Rajkot (116 km) has been included in the Budget 2015-16. Detailed estimate has been sanctioned. Tender for final location survey, earthwork, bridges work and ballast supply have been invited.</p> <p>(b) Doubling of Viramgam-Surendrangar (65 Km) section has been completed and commissioned in 2015.</p>
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