

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4584
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2017**

RAJKOT-VERAVAL RAILWAY LINE

4584. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received representations for doubling of railway line from various organizations/road users as well as from Government of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the probable time frame for completion of each project; and

(c) whether the work of doubling of Rajkot-Veraval railway line has been taken up and if so, the present status of work and the time frame fixed for completion of the project?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(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. 4584 BY SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.03.2017 REGARDING RAJKOT-VERAVAL RAILWAY LINE

(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.

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. 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, following New Line (NL), Gauge Conversion (GC) and Doubling (DL) projects have also been included in the Budget 2016-17 and 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals from the Government:

S. No.	Name of the Projects	Plan Head
2016-17		
1	Bhimnath-Dholera (28 km)	NL
2017-18		
1	Taranga Hill-Abu Road via Ambaji (89.38 km)	NL
2	Kalol-Kadi-Katosan Road (37.23 km)	GC
3	Katosan Road-Chanasma (51.72 km)	GC
4	Chanasma-Ranuj (12.84 km)	GC

5	Adraj Moti-Vejalpur (39.75 km)	GC
6	Vejalpur-Ambliyan (41.53 km)	GC
7	Khijadiya-Visavadar (91.27 km)	GC
8	Junagarh-Visvadar (42.28 km)	GC
9	Samni-Jambusar (24.08 km)	GC
10	Jamusar-Vishvamitiri (48.2 km)	GC
11	Samlaya-Timba Road (53.33 km)	GC
12	Nadiad-Petlad (37.26 km)	GC
13	Petlad-Bhadran (22.5 km)	GC
14	Dabhoi-Chandod extension upto Kavadiya (49.75 km)	GC
15	Talala-Delwada (70 km)	GC
16	Prachi Road-Kodinar (26 km)	GC
17	Himmatnagar-Khedbrahma (54.83 km)	GC
18	Veraval-Talala-Visavadar (71.95 Km)	GC
19	Anand-Godhra (79 km)	DL

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.

(c): The work of doubling of Rajkot-Veraval railway line has not been taken up. However, survey for this stretch has been taken up in two parts i.e. Rajkot-Junagarh (103 km) and Junagarh-Veraval (83 km).