

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.76
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018**

GAUGE CONVERSION

†*76. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the budget allocated for gauge conversion from metre gauge to broad gauge of Udaipur-Ahmedabad rail section and the amount spent so far;**
- (b) the time by which the said work of gauge conversion is likely to be completed; and**
- (c) the total length of gauge conversion along with the length up to which the said work has been completed?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 76 BY SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2018 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION

(a) to (c): Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur gauge conversion project (297.24 km) has been sanctioned in the Budget 2008-09. Latest cost of gauge conversion project is ₹ 1449.43 crore. An expenditure of ₹ 381.46 crore has been incurred upto March, 2017 and an outlay of ₹ 422 crore has been provided for the year 2017-18.

Out of 297.24 km alignment of the project, 153.54 km falls in Gujarat and 143.70 km falls in Rajasthan.

Due to limited availability of funds in the earlier years, there has been little progress on this gauge conversion project. Since 2014-15, the Budget allotment of this project has been improved and the work on this project has been expedited. The status of the project is as under:

1. Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar (87.25 Km):. Status of works taken up on this stretch are as under:

(i): Ahmedabad-Asarva (1.87 km): Already an existing broad gauge line.

(ii) Asarva-Himmatnagar (85.38 km): Earthwork, bridges work, etc. are in different stages of execution.

2. Himmatnagar-Udaipur (209.65 Km):

All contracts (except tunnel) for earthwork, bridges work ballast supply, track linking, etc. have been awarded and works taken up.

Out of 295.32 Km gauge conversion to be done, 205.83 km gauge conversion is targeted to be completed by March, 2019 and remaining 89.49 km gauge conversion is targeted to be completed by December, 2019.
