

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 700
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018**

GAUGE CONVERSION IN GUJARAT

700. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has received representations for gauge conversion from the various organizations/road users as well as from the Government of Gujarat;**
- (b) if so, whether the Railways intends to take up the same and if so, the probable time-frame for each project;**
- (c) whether many surveys were proposed for gauge conversion of railway lines in Gujarat during last five years *i.e.* 2011-12 to 2016-17;**
- (d) if so, the number of surveys of gauge conversion that have been started and completed;**
- (e) the time by which the surveys of remaining projects will be started and completed; and**
- (f) the number of projects of construction of gauge conversion that have been started?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 700 BY SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2018 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION IN GUJARAT

(a) & (b): Requests for gauge conversion, both formal and 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.

(c) to (f): Surveys for 11 gauge conversion projects falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat have been completed during the last five years i.e. 2011-12 to 2016-17. Among these completed surveys for gauge conversion projects, 5 projects have been taken up/included in the Budget subject to requisite approvals from the Government. The details are as under:

| S. No. | Name of the Project | Year of Completion | Status |
|---------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| 1 | Khijadiya-Amreli-Visayadar-Junagarh (134 km) | 2011-12 | Project included in the Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals from the Government. |
| 2 | Himmatnagar-Khedbrahma with ext. upto Abu Road (144 km) | 2011-12 | Gauge conversion of Himmatnagar-Khedbrahma (54.83 km) has been included in the budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals from the Government. |
| 3 | Pratapnagar-Vishwamitri-Jambusar-Samni & Jambusar-Kavi (103 km) | 2013-14 | Survey completed and report received. |

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| 4 | Bilmora-Wagai (GC) with extension to Manmad (NL) (254 km) | 2013-14 | Survey completed and report received. |
| 5 | Champaner Panimines (49 km) & Chhuchhapura - Tankhala (38 km) & its extn upto Rajpipla | 2014-15 | Survey completed and report received. |
| 6 | Ambliyan-Viapur-Adraj Moti (81 km) | 2014-15 | Project included in the budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals from the Government. |
| 7 | GC of Ahmedabad-Mahesana for doubling (69 km) | 2015-16 | Project included in the Budget 2015-16 and the work taken up. |
| 8 | Dabhoi-Chandod with extension to Rajpipla (Kevadiya Colony) (50 km) | 2016-17 | Work included in the Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals from the Government. |
| 9 | Kosamaba-Umarpara (72 km) | 2016-17 | Survey completed and the proposal shelved due to its unremunerative nature and heavy throwforward of ongoing projects. |
| 10 | Chuchapura-Navsari-Tankhala (38 km) | 2016-17 | Survey completed and report received. |
| 11 | Veraval-Talala-Visavadar (Veraval-Dhana Jn. via Visavadar-Khijadia) (72 km) | 2016-17 | Work included in the Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals from the Government. |
