

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3522
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019**

UDAIPUR-AHMEDABAD GAUGE CONVERSION

†3522. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has started gauge conversion works of Udaipur-Ahmedabad broad gauge rail line *via* Himmatnagar;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise and the fund allocated and spent thereon, as on date;**
- (c) whether the Railways proposes to allocate additional funds to complete the said works in prescribed time-limit;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the time by which the said works are likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3522 BY SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.01.2019 REGARDING UDAIPUR-AHMEDABAD GAUGE CONVERSION

(a) to (d): 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 ₹ 802.90 crore has been incurred upto March, 2018 and an outlay of ₹ 520.00 crore has been provided for the year 2018-19.

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 project work has been expedited. The status of the project is as under:

1. Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar (87.25 Km):

- (i): Ahmedabad-Asarva (1.87 km): Already an existing broad gauge line.**
- (ii): Asarva-Himmatnagar (85.38 km): Work taken up.**

2. Himmatnagar-Udaipur (209.99 Km): Work taken up.

(e): Project is planned to be completed by December, 2019.
