

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1833
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.07.2019**

UDAIPUR-AHMEDABAD GAUGE CONVERSION

†1833. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the broad gauge conversion work of rail line between Udaipur and Ahmedabad via Himmatnagar has been completed;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated from the beginning of the project to the current financial year;**
- (c) if not, the time by which Railways has set the target to complete the said project along with the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of incomplete works under the said project and the details of additional funds required to complete the project?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1833 BY SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.07.2019 REGARDING UDAIPUR-AHMEDABAD GAUGE CONVERSION

(a) to (d): Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur gauge conversion including Modasa-Shamlaji Road new line project (317.73 Km) was sanctioned and the latest cost of the project is ₹1667 crore and expenditure of ₹1291.14 crore has been incurred upto March, 2019. An outlay of ₹532.38 crore has been provided for the complete project during 2019-20.

Due to limited availability of funds in the earlier years, there has been little progress on this project, however, Since 2014-15, the Budget allotment for this project has improved and the project execution work has been expedited.

Gauge conversion work of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar (87.25 Km) section has been completed upto March, 2019 and work has been taken up in balance Himmatnagar-Udaipur section and project is progressing well. Also, sufficient funds have been made available during 2019-20 to the project for early completion.

On this project, challenging work of long tunnel of around 850 metre and 2 short tunnels of around 150 metre and 100 metre length are to be constructed, for which, agencies have been finalized and construction work taken up.

During financial year 2019-20, 24 Km long section from Himmatnagar-Raighadh has already been completed and 24.26 Km long section from Udaipur-Kharwachanda is also planned for completion during the same year, while entire project is planned for completion by financial year 2020-21.
