

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2008  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.07.2019**

**AKOLA-KHANDWA GAUGE CONVERSION**

**† 2008. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways has given approval to convert Akola-Khandwa metre gauge railway line in Bhusawal region of Central Railway into broad gauge;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any request from the public representatives to construct Akola-Khandwa broad gauge rail line passing through remote Adivasi areas Tehsil Sangrampur, Jalgaon, Jamod in Buldhana district which is highly backward district in view of railway connectivity;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the action taken/proposal to be taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2008 BY SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.07.2019 REGARDING AKOLA-KHANDWA GAUGE CONVERSION.**

**(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Akola-Khandwa section is a part of Ratlam – Mhow – Khandwa – Akola Gauge Conversion project and was sanctioned in 2008-09.**

**The work of Gauge conversion from Ratlam-Indore-Mhow has been completed and commissioned.**

**At present work of Akola-Akot and Khandwa-Amalkhurd sections have been taken up.**

**(c) to (e) Proposals from State Governments or various public representatives and other organisations for construction of railway projects are received at Divisional Officers, Zonal Offices and in the Ministry from time to time. As receipt of such proposals is a continuous and dynamic process, compendium of such proposals is not maintained. However, due attention is given to the suggestions, subject to the overall availability of resources and feasibility of their implementation. Projects are sanctioned based on remunerativeness, operational requirements, missing links, strategic/socio-economic considerations etc.**

**Nevertheless, one letter in this regard has been received from Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Hon'ble MP, Lok Sabha, vide which, it was requested to re-route the alignment of existing line for passing the same through Buldhana constituency.**

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**However, Scope of present work is to only convert existing meter gauge track to broad gauge track within the available railway land on the existing meter gauge alignment. Accordingly, detailed estimate had been sanctioned and work has been taken up in Akola-Akot & Khandwa-Amalkhurd section. Railway Officials are following up the forestry clearance of Akot-Amalkhurd section.**

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