

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3922  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2019**

**GAUGE CONVERSION**

**†3922. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:**

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

- (a) the details of the work of converting narrow gauge railway line into broad gauge railway line by the Government throughout the country including Gujarat during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;**
- (b) the details of the amount of funds sanctioned, allocated and spent in this regard including the State of Gujarat, State-wise;**
- (c) whether the railway line from Kosamba to Umarpada has also been converted into broad gauge under the said work which had been included in the budget of the year 2015-16;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor including the time by which the said work is likely to be completed; and**
- (f) the present status of laying a new railway line from Umarpada to Nandurbar which had been included in the same budget by the Government along with the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a): As on 01.04.2019, there are 55 gauge conversion projects on Indian Railways including the State of Gujarat of length 7229.29 Km and costing**

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**₹54,293 crores, which are in different stages of planning/sanction/execution and upto March, 2019, 3,798 km of gauge conversion have been completed.**

**However, during the last three years and current year, 2,232 Km of gauge conversion has been done in the country including the State of Gujarat.**

**(b): The expenditure on gauge conversion projects over Indian Railways including Gujarat up to March, 2019 has been ₹19638.12 crores and the details of allotment of funds and expenditure project-wise are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. [www.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.indianrailways.gov.in) >Ministry of Railways >Railway Board >About Indian Railways >Railway Board Directorates >Finance(Budget) >2019-20\_List\_of\_Works.**

**(c) to (e): Survey for gauge conversion of Kosamba to Umarpada was completed in the year 2016-17. As per survey report, the project was found to be financially unviable as such, gauge conversion projects could not be taken forward.**

**(f): Survey for new board gauge line from Umarpada to Nandurbar was sanctioned in 2015-16 and survey work has been taken up.**

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