

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2953
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023**

DOUBLING OF VATVA-AHMEDABAD RAIL LINE

2953. DR.(PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the benefits of doubling of Vatva-Ahmedabad third railway line to local industries and socio-economic benefits in the nearby regions;**
- (b) the line capacity before and after the completion of the project;**
- (c) whether there is any plan for addition of new trains on this railway section;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 2953 BY DR.(PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2023 REGARDING DOUBLING OF VATVA-AHMEDABAD RAIL LINE

(a):Vatva-Ahmedabad - 3rd line with automatic signalling (7.50 km) has been completed and commissioned in July, 2022. Also, Vatva-Ahmedabad-Sabarmati 4th Line (15 km) is an ongoing project, costing ₹231.43 crores. As on 01.04.2023, an expenditure of ₹131.32 crores has been incurred on the project. It will facilitate quicker terminus management of trains including those coming from Mumbai and reduce congestion the route substantially.

As on 01.04.2023, total 36 Railway infrastructure Projects (6 New Lines, 18 Gauge conversion and 12 Doubling), of total length 3,200 km, costing ₹30,789 crores falling fully/partly in Gujarat are under different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which 735 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹6,113 crores has been incurred upto March, 2023. These include:

- (i) 6 New Line projects of total length 520 km costing ₹6,950 crores, out of which 90 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2,227 crore has been incurred upto March, 2023.**
- (ii) 18 Gauge Conversion projects of total length 1567 km costing ₹12,336 crores, out of which 645 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹3,527 crores has been incurred upto March, 2023.**
- (iii) 12 Doubling projects covering total length of 1,113 km at a cost of ₹11,502 crores, out of which an expenditure of ₹360 crores has been incurred upto March, 2023.**

New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat are covered by Western Railway and North Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. Zone-wise details of all Railway Projects including cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website.

Since 2014, there has been substantial increase in fund allocation and commensurate commissioning of projects across Indian Railways. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works falling/partly in the state of Gujarat is as under:

Period	Budget Outlay	change w.r.t. avg. annual allocation of 2009-14
2009-14	Rs. 589 Crores/Year	-
2023-24	Rs. 8332 Crores	14.14 times

Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the state of Gujarat is as under:

Period	Total Track Commissioned	Average Track Commissioned	change w.r.t. average commissioning during 2009-14
2009-14	660 Km	132 Km/Year	-
2014-23	1,677 Km	186 Km/Year	1.41 times

(b):After completion of this line, the present line capacity has become 130% of previous line capacity.

(c) to (e): Presently, Vatva-Ahmedabad sector is being served by 06 passenger trains in one direction and 05 passengers trains in other direction. Besides, introduction of new train services is an on-going process on Indian Railway subject to operational feasibility, commercial justification etc.