

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 515
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.11.2019**

CONVERSION OF METRE GAUGE LINE INTO BROAD GAUGE

515. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any representation to convert the Jasdan-Botad metre gauge line into broad gauge;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard, and**
- (c) the time by which the broad gauge lines are likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) There was an existing metre gauge line from Botad-Jasdon, which was closed to Rail traffic in the year 1985. Survey for construction of new rail line from Botad-Gondal via Jasdon (108.50 Km) was completed in the year 2013-14. As per survey report, the cost of the project was assessed as ₹ 1058.28 crore with a rate of return of 0.08%. The project could not be taken forward for execution due to its un-remunerative nature and large shelf of ongoing projects.
