

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3491
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021**

RAILWAY FACILITIES

†3491. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many areas of Gujarat are not connected with Railways due to which residents of these areas are deprived of railway facilities thereby hampering the development of these areas;**
- (b) if so, the details of such areas; and**
- (c) the time by which the Government proposes to launch railway projects in these areas?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3491 BY SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.03.2021 REGARDING RAILWAY FACILITIES

(a) to (c): Railway projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands which covers connectivity in backward and rural areas also.

As on 01.04.2020, 5301 Route Kilometre length of Railway network is available in the State of Gujarat.

Further, as on 01.04.2020, 04 new line projects of total length 479 Km falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat have been taken up to improve connectivity, out of which 69 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹1653 crore has been incurred upto March, 2020.

Average Annual Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat, during 2014-19 has increased to ₹3327 crore per year, from ₹589 crore per year (during 2009-14). Thus the average annual budget allocation during 2014-19 is 465% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14 (₹589 crore per year).

Total proposed Budget estimate (BE) outlay for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat for financial year 2021-22 is ₹4484 crore, which is 661% more than average annual budget outlay of 2009-14.
