

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.445
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

BENEFIT OF LOCK DOWN

**445. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:
SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways took the benefit of lock down to complete critical and important pending projects in all railway divisions;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof particularly in Rajkot and Ahmedabad division;**
- (c) whether the Railways has taken the benefit of lock down for the targeted commissioning by March, 2021 of track doubling with electrification of Rajkot Surendranagar section;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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.445 BY SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA AND SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.02.2021 REGARDING BENEFIT OF LOCK DOWN.

(a) & (b): Due to the imposition of nationwide lockdown from 25th March'2020 on account of COVID -19 pandemic, initially, there was a slowdown in the execution of Railway projects including critical and important projects across all the railway divisions including Rajkot and Ahmedabad divisions. However, after the initial phase, with the gradual easing of lockdown restrictions, the pace of construction activities gained momentum. Moreover, due to meticulous planning, prioritisation of projects and focused approach of execution, works are now in full swing and Railways has been able to commission 1,740 Kms length of New line, Gauge conversion and Doubling works during the period March'2020 to December'2020 including Vatwa-Ahmedabad 3rd line (5 Km) and Mahesana-Varetha (Tarangana Hill) 56 Km Gauge Conversion project.

(c) to (e): Various construction activities such as earthwork, bridges etc. and electrical works such as mast erection, wiring, Signal & Telecom works etc. have been carried out in Rajkot-Surendranagar section during the period of lockdown and are now in full swing.
