GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2521 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022

GAUGE CONVERSION

2521. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has completed the conversion from meter gauge to broad gauge railway lines from Ahmedabad to Udaipur via Himmat Nagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plans to start trains between Ahmedabad to Delhi via Himmat Nagar and from Mumbai to Delhi via Nanded, Modasa and Shamlaji; and

(d) if so, the time by which these trains are likely to become operational?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2521 BY SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.03.2022 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION

(a) to (d): Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur gauge conversion including Modasa-Shamlaji Road new line project (317.73 Km) was sanctioned in 2008-09. The anticipated cost of the project is ₹2,165 crore. An expenditure of ₹1,831 crore has been incurred upto March, 2021. An outlay of ₹240 crore has been provided during 2021-22.

Gauge Conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar – Dungarpur- Jay Samand (234 km) and Kharwachanda - Udaipur (24 km) sections has been completed and work taken up in the balance section.

Further, land acquisition has been taken up in Modasa-Shamlaji Road new line project also.

Train services between Ahmedabad to Delhi via Himmat Nagar and from Mumbai to Delhi via Nanded, Modasa and Shamlaji can be considered on completion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur gauge conversion including Modasa-Shamlaji Road new line project.

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