

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1744  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022**

**DOUBLING/ELECTRIFICATION OF SAMDADI-BHILDI RAILWAY SECTION**

**†1744. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL :**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether due to high traffic on Samdadi-Bhildi railway section there is frequent rail traffic jam resulting in delay of passenger trains;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the general public also has to face a lot of problems as a result of closure of railway gates for hours together;**
- (d) if so, the plan of the Railways to eliminate the rail traffic jam on the said railway section;**
- (e) whether there is any plan for doubling and electrification of Samdadi-Bhildi railway section;**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the same; and**
- (g) if not, the reasons for the delay if any, in the execution of works?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) and (b) The line capacity utilisation of Samdadi-Bhildi railway section is approximately 94% and punctuality of train services on this section is satisfactory .**

**(c) and (d) No, Sir. There are 28 level crossings in Samdadi-Bhildi railway section of Jodhpur Division. Out of these, 22 level crossings are open to road traffic wherein waiting time is about 5-8 minutes for general public whenever the level crossing gate is closed. Remaining 6 level crossing gates are closed to road traffic because of less traffic density wherein waiting time is higher for general public on level crossing depending upon type of train at particular time and length of block section.**

**(e) to (g) Doubling of Luni-Samdari-Bhildi section (271.97 km) was included in Budget 2019-20 as part of Bhatinda-Bhildi via Sirsa, Hisar, Ratangarh, Degana, Luni, Samdari excluding Degana-Rai ka Bag doubling (752 km) project subject to requisite approvals. Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Luni-Samdari-Bhildi section (271.97 km) was prepared. However, after examination of the DPR, the project could not be taken forward in that time due to unremunerative nature and no operational benefit of the project.**

**Electrification of existing line of Samdadi-Bhildi railway section is part of Railway Electrification project of Suratgarh-Phalodi-Bhildi and Phalodi-Jaisalmer section. Budget allocation of ₹ 264 crore has been provided for this project during 2022-23.**

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