

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 650  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022**

**DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE IN GUJARAT**

**650. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:**

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

**(a) the details regarding rail infrastructure development, gauge conversion (meter to broad gauge) and fund utilisation made therein in Gujarat, districtwise;**

**(b) the details of the progress made on the pending gauge conversion of the railway track in Sabarkantha Lok Sabha constituency; and**

**(c) the details of funds utilized for the Modasa to Shamlaji upto Udaipur, Ahmedabad to Himmatnagar upto Udaipur and Himmatnagar Khedbrahma gauge conversion projects?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 650 BY SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.07.2022 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE IN GUJARAT**

**(a) to (c): Projects are not sanctioned State-wise/ district-wise/ constituency-wise, but sanctioned Zone wise as Indian Railways' network may span across various State boundaries.**

**However, to improve rail infrastructure development in Gujarat, presently 19 Gauge Conversion projects, covering a length of 1,636 km at a cost of ₹ 10,077 crore, falling fully/partly in the state of Gujarat, which include Sabarkantha constituency of Gujarat also, are under different stages of planning/approval/execution, out of which, 641 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹ 3,589 crore has been incurred up to March, 2022.**

**Gujarat is covered by North Western Railway and Western Railway Zones of Indian Railways. The details of allotment of funds and expenditure project-wise and Zonal Railway wise are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. [www.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.indianrailways.gov.in)> Ministry of Railways> Railway Board> About Indian Railways>Railway Board Directorates> Finance (Budget), Pink Book (year)>Railway wise Works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme.**

**Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur gauge conversion project including Modasa-Shamlaji Road new line (318 km) has been taken up, out of which, 256.39 km length has been commissioned. An expenditure of ₹2082.58 crore has been incurred upto March, 2022 and an outlay of ₹268 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2022-23.**

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**Since 2014, there is substantial increase in Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and commensurate commissioning. Average annual Budget allocation on infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in Gujarat during 2014-19 has been increased to ₹3,327 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 allocation of 2009-14. Budget allocation for these projects has been increased to ₹ 4,803 crore in financial year 2019-20 (716% more than average annual budget allocation of 2009-14), ₹ 4,071 crore in financial year 2020-21 (591% more than average annual Budget outlay of 2009-14) and ₹ 4,924 crore in financial year 2021-22 (736% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14). Budget outlay of ₹ 4,745 crore has been provided for these projects for financial year 2022-23 which is 706% more than average annual budget outlay during 2009-14.**

**During 2014-22, 1294 km sections (142 km New line, 607 km Gauge conversion and 545 km Doubling), falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat, have been commissioned at an average rate of 161.75 km per year, which is 22.54% more than average annual commissioning achieved during 2009-14 (132 Km/year).**

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