

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2270
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2015**

RAIL LINKAGES IN DMIC AREA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have received requests from State Government including State Government of Gujarat for development of Railway linkages in the influence area of Delhi- Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC);**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of surveys conducted during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Gujarat and the time by which it is likely to be completed;**
- (c) the status of upgradation work of Ahmedabad-Botad-Bhavnagar rail line project and the timeframe for its completion; and**
- (d) the status of doubling work of Viramgam-Samakhiyali-Gandhidham rail line project and the timeframe for its completion?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2270 BY SHRI PARESH RAVAL, SHRI C.R. PATIL, SHRI D.S. RATHOD, SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G. FATEPARA AND SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.08.2015 REGARDING RAIL LINKAGES IN DMIC AREA

(a) & (b): Ministry of Railways have received request from Government of Gujarat for development of rail linkages in the influence area of Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC).

The details, item-wise, are furnished below:-

GAUGE CONVERSION

	Rail Linkages Sought	Current Status
Ahmedabad-Dholera Investment Region	Ahmedabad-Botad-Bhavnagar	Botad- Bhavnagar Section is already Broad Gauge. Gauge Conversion of Ahmedabad-Botad has been taken up. Final Location Survey completed. Other preliminary activities like processing of tender have been taken up. An outlay of ₹120 crore has been provided in the Budget 2015-16 for this work.
Dahej-Bharuch Investment Region	Dahej-Samni-Bharuch	Gauge Conversion of this Section has been completed in 2011-12.
Palanpur-Siddhpur-Mehsana Industrial Area	Viramgam-Samakhiyali-Gandhidham-Kandla	Doubling of Viramgam-Samakhiyali has been taken up. Viramgam-Sadla Section has been commissioned. Works in balance section has been taken up. Samakhiyali-Gandhidham is already an existing Broad Gauge double line
	Maliya Miyana - Navlakhi -Rajkot	Already converted to Broad Gauge.
	Mehsana-Patan	Already converted to Broad Gauge.
	Surendranagar - Viramgam- Mehsana	Doubling of Surendranagar- Viramgam Section has been taken up. No Survey for doubling of Viramgam- Mahesana has been taken up.
	Gandhidham-Anjar-Mundra	Gandhidham-Adipur-Mundra & Adipur-Anjar-Bhuj are Broad Gauge lines.

DOUBLING

	Particulars	Current Status
Dahej-Bharuch Investment Region	Bharuch-Dahej	Gauge Conversion of this Section has been completed in 2011-12. At present, there is no proposal for doubling this section.

Palanpur- Siddhpur- Mehsana Industrial Area	Surendranagar - Botad - Dhasa - Rajula-Pipavav	Survey of this Project is not sanctioned
	Surendranagar- Viramgam- Mehsana	The work of doubling of Viramgam – Surendranagar section has been taken up. No survey for doubling of Viramgam- Mahesana has been taken up.
Mundra-Palanpur	Palanpur-Bhildi- Samakhiyali- Gandhidham- Mundra	Doubling of Palanpur-Bhildi-Samakhiyali has been taken up. The project is being funded by Kutch Railway Company Ltd. Samakhiyali-Gandhidham and Gandhidham - Adipur –Mundra is already Broad Gauge double line.
	Gandhidham-Kandla	Doubling of this section has already been completed.

New Rail Lines

	Particulars	Current Status
Ahmedabad- Dholera Investment Region	Bhavnagar-Adhelai- Dholera- Vataman- Petlad	There is already an existing Broad Gauge line from Tarapur-Petlad- Anand Nagar. Further, survey for Bhavnagar to Tarapur New Line via Dholera, Vataman has been completed. Due to a large number of ongoing new line projects, this project has not been taken forward.
	Bhimnath-Dholera	Survey for this New Line has been completed. Survey report has been sent to Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (DMICDC) to fund the project. In principle clearance has been given for implementation through Private Line Model.
	Khambhat- Khambhat Port	Survey for this line was sanctioned in 2013-14 but could not be taken up, as Gujarat Maritime Board informed that Khambhat port will not be developed due to the construction of Kalpsar Dam at location of Khambhat Port.

Other rail Infrastructure for Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC)

Port	Spur Rail Connectivity for Ports	Name of Section	Current Status
Hazira	Surat – Hazira New Rail Link.	Surat – Hazira	After the Participative Policy of December 2012, in principle clearance has been given for development of the link on private line model.
Bedi Port	Bedi Port – Jamnagar Station	Jamnagar - Rajkot	Survey has been taken up.

Porbandar Port	Porbandar Port – Porbandar station	Porbandar – Jamnagar	Survey has been taken up.
Chhara Port	Chhara Port – Kodinar (extension of Veraval – Somnath BG line to Kodinar)	Veraval – Rajkot	In principle clearance has been given for development of line on Private Line Model.
Mahuva Port, Kachhigadh Port and Nargol Port Connectivity	In principle clearance has been given for development of rail line to Nargol Port under Private Line Model.		

As most of the railway lines extend across one or more States, State-wise data is not maintained. However, zone-wise detail of surveys being carried out and completed during the last three years and the current year is as detailed below: -

S.No.	ZONAL RAILWAY	No. of Surveys completed
1	Central	9
2	Eastern	2
3	East Central	4
4	East Coast	12
5	Northern	16
6	North Central	7
7	North Eastern	3
8	Northeast Frontier	12
9	North Western	18
10	Southern	19
11	South Central	10
12	South Eastern	5
13	South East Central	5
14	South Western	10
15	Western	5
16	West Central	5

Surveys require investigation of one or more routes, in consultation with State Governments & forest department, to decide the most technically feasible alignment, interaction with State Government, trade and industries for assessment of traffic projections, preparation of plans and drawings for calculation of costs etc. Since this is an extensive

exercise, it is not possible to fix time lines for both completion of all these surveys and the lines being made functional.

(c) & (d): Botad- Bhavnagar Section is already Broad Gauge. Gauge Conversion of Ahmedabad- Botad has been taken up. Final Location Survey has been completed. Other preliminary activities like processing of tender have been taken up. An outlay of ₹ 120 crore has been provided in the Budget 2015-16 for this work. No target for completion has been fixed.

Doubling of Viramgam-Samakhiyali(182 km) has been taken up. Viramgam-Sadla Section (21 km) has been commissioned. Track linking of Jatpipli-Vasadva (12 km) and Chuli-Sukhpur (10.5 km) sections has been completed. Works in balance section have been taken up. Further Samakhiyali-Gandhidham is already Broad Gauge, double line section. No target for completion has been fixed.
