

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2963
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2015**

RAILWAY LINKAGES IN GUJARAT

**2963. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:
SHRI VINOD LAKHAMASHI CHAVDA:
SHRI PARESH RAVAL:
SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether State Governments including Government of Gujarat have submitted requests for development of railway linkages in the influence area of Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor;**
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;**
- (c) the time by which the upgradation work of Ahmedabad-Botad-Bhavnagar line is likely to start and the time-frame for its completion; and**
- (d) the time by which doubling work of Viramgam-Samakhiyali-Gandhidham line is likely to start and the time-frame 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. 2963 BY SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA, SHRI VINOD LAKHAMASHI CHAVDA, SHRI PARESH RAVAL AND SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.12.2015 REGARDING RAILWAY LINKAGES IN GUJARAT

(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 has been completed. Earthwork and bridges have been taken up.
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 (21 km) has been completed and commissioned. Jatpipli- Vasadva (11.42 km) and Sukhpur-Chuli(10.5 km) sections have also been completed. Work in balance section has been taken up. Samakhiyali- Gandhidham- Kandla is already an existing broad gauge line.
	Maliya Miyana - Navlakhi -Rajkot	Already converted to Broad Gauge.
	Mehsana-Patan	
	Gandhidham-Anjar-Mundra	Gandhidham-Adipur-Mundra & Adipur-Anjar-Bhuj are Broad Gauge lines.

DOUBLING

	Particulars	Current Status
Dahej-Bharuch	Bharuch-Dahej	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	Doubling of Surendranagar-Viramgam Section has been completed. No Survey for doubling of Viramgam- Mahesana has been taken up.
Mundra-Palanpur	Palanpur-Bhildi-Samkhiali-Gandhidham-Mundra	Doubling of Palanpur-Bhildi-Samakhiali has been taken up. Samakhiali-Gandhidham and Gandhidham - Adipur –Mundra is already BG double line.

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. 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 -	Survey has been taken up.

	Jamnagar Station	Rajkot	
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. Detailed Project report has been approved by Zonal Railway.		

(c): Botad- Bhavnagar Section has already been converted to Broad Gauge. Gauge Conversion of Ahmedabad- Botad has been taken up. Final Location Survey Completed. Earthwork and bridges have been taken up. An outlay of Rs. 120 crore has been provided in the Budget 2015-16 for this work. No target for completion has been fixed.

(d): Samakhiali –Gandhidham is already double line. Doubling of Viramgam-Samakhiali(182 km) has been taken up. Viramgam-Sadla Section (21 km) has been completed and commissioned. Jatpipli-Vasadva (11.42 km) and Sukhpur-Chuli (10.5 km) section have also been completed. Works in balance section have been taken up. No target for completion has been fixed.
