

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4077
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2016**

STATUS OF RAILWAY PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

**4077. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:
SHRI D. S. RATHOD:
SHRI DILIP PATEL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has any proposal for doubling of Railway lines of Ahmedabad-Mehsana-Jaipur, Rajkot-Veraval and Rajkot-Okha in the State of Gujarat and Rajasthan;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the present status of doubling of BG rail lines at Bharuch-Samni-Dahej, Surendranagar-Botad-Dhasa-Rajula-Pipavav, Surendranagar-Viramgam-Mehsana, Palanpur-Bhildi-Samakhiali-Gandhidham-Mundra and new railway line at Bhavnagar-Adhelai-Dholka-Vataman-Petland and Dholera-Bhimnath;**
- (d) whether surveys of these three projects have been completed and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the budgetary provisions have been made in this regard and if so, the time fixed by which these projects are likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4077 BY SHRI PARESH RAVAL, SHRI D.S. RATHOD AND DILIP PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.08.2016 REGARDING STATUS OF RAILWAY PROJECTS IN GUJARAT.

(a) to (d):

The details and present status of the projects are as under:

S. No.	Subject	Status
(A)	Doubling	
1.	Ahmedabad-Mehsana-Jaipur	<p>(a) The gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Mehsana (70 km) metre gauge (MG) line running parallel to existing broad gauge (BG) line has been included in the Budget 2015-16 at an anticipated cost of ₹ 420 crore. An outlay of ₹ 100 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2016-17. Preliminary activities like Final Location Survey (FLS), preparation of plan, estimates, etc. have been taken up.</p> <p>(b) Survey for Doubling of Mehsana-Palanpur (65 Km) section has been taken up. However, this project is not sanctioned for doubling.</p> <p>(c) Doubling of Palanpur-Ajmer has been taken up in patches. An outlay of ₹ 548.5 crore has been provided for these patches of doubling works for the year 2016-17. On this route, Swaroopganj- Keshavganj (26.48 Km.) and Mori Bera- Kothar- Keshavganj (21.32 Km) sections have been commissioned.</p> <p>(d) Ajmer-Jaipur is already a double broad gauge line section.</p>

2.	Rajkot-Veraval	Survey has been taken up in two parts (a) Rajkot-Junagarh (103 km) and (b) Junagarh-Veraval (83 km).
3.	Rajkot-Okha	Survey has been taken up.
4.	Bhruch-Samni-Dahej	Gauge conversion of this section has been completed and commissioned. At present, there is no proposal for doubling of this section.
5.	Surendranagar-Botad-Dhasa-Rajula-Pipavav	Survey for this project has not been sanctioned.
6.	Surendranagar-Viramgam-Mehsana	(a) Doubling of Viramgam-Surendrangar (65 Km) section has been completed and commissioned in 2015. (b) Viramgam- Mahesana: No survey for doubling of this section has been taken up.
7.	Palanpur-Bhildi-Samkhiali-Gandhidham-Mundra (Survey completed)	(a) Doubling of Palanpur- Bhildi- Samakhiali (275 km) has been taken up at an anticipated cost of ₹ 1267 crore being funded by Kutch Railway Company Limited. An outlay of ₹ 151 crore has been provided for the year 2016-17. Detailed estimate has been sanctioned. Final Location Survey (FLS) has been completed. Earthwork and ballast supply has been taken up. (b) Samakhayali- Gandhidham-Adipur is already an existing double broad gauge line section. (c) No survey for doubling of Adipur- Mundra has been sanctioned.

(B)	New Line	
1.	New Railway line Bhavnagar-Adhelai-Dholera-Vataman-Petland (Survey proposed)	Survey for Bhavnagar to Tarapur New Line via Dholera, has been completed. Cost of this line has been assessed as ₹ 745 crores with RoR of (-) 1% and Planning Commission has not agreed to the proposal.
2.	Dholera-Bhimnath	Dholera–Bhimnath (28 km) new line project has been included in the Budget 2016-17 at a cost of ₹ 280 crore subject to requisite approvals from the Government.

(e): Completion of these projects is dependent upon many factors such as land acquisition, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, cutting of trees, construction of road over bridges and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies, apart from availability of adequate funds. Since many of these factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways, timelines for completion of all the projects are not feasible to be fixed.
