

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RAILWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to involve non- governmental organisations for laying of new rail lines, doubling and gauge conversion of rail lines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the routes identified for private participation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c): In order to involve the stake-holders in the development and implementation of Railway projects, efforts are being made by the Government to involve the user agencies such as Ports, Public Sector Undertakings as also the State Governments in the Public-private partnerships.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with M/s. Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited for forming a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for Gauge Conversion of Surendranagar-Pipavav and New Line extension to Pipavav port has been signed. The SPV shall undertake the work of Broad Gauge connectivity between Surendranagar and the Port of Pipavav.