

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION OF RAJKOT-VERAVAL RAIL LINE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the physical and financial progress with respect to conversion to broad gauge of the Rajkot-Veraval line;
- (b) the target time fixed for completion of the project;
- (c) whether the allocation for this work is commensurate with the time frame specified for completion of the project; and
- (d) if so, the details of status of extension of this project to Somnath and Kodinar?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c):Gauge conversion of Rajkot- Veraval rail line has been taken up where earthwork, bridge works, ballast supply etc. are in various stages of progress. Gauge conversion of Rajkot-Junagarh is targeted for completion during 2002-2003.Rs.37.32 crore has been spent on this work upto March 2002 and an outlay of Rs.35 crore has been provided during 2002-2003.

Target for completion of entire project has not yet been fixed. The project will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

(d): The survey for extension of this line upto Kodinar has been completed. The report is under examination. However, Government has approved extension of this line upto Somnath.