

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION OF PALANPUR-SAMKHIYALI RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested to the Union Government for conversion of Palanpur-Samkhiyali railway line into broad gauge jointly with Kandla Port Trust and RITES;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which the conversion of said railway line is likely to be started and completed?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Government of Gujarat has proposed to undertake implementation of Samakhiali-Palanpur gauge conversion project in association with the Ministry of Railways and other Financial Institutions.

(c) and (d): Palanpur-Samakhiali is a part of Gandhidham-Palanpur gauge conversion project and has been cleared by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs. Preliminary arrangements are being made for starting the work. No target date has been fixed and the work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. The modus of participation by the State Government and the beneficiary Industry is under finalisation.