

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2349  
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2000  
GAUGE CONVERSION OF SURENDERNAGAR-BHAVNAGAR RAIL LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the conversion work of Surendernagar-Bhavnagar rail line has been undertaken;
- (b) if so, the time by which the conversion work is likely to be completed;
- (c) the total expenditure to be incurred thereon; and
- (d) the funds allocated for the purpose during 2000-2001?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): The present target date for Surendernagar-Dhola part of this line and Dhola-Pipavav is December 2001. For Dhola-Bhavnagar, target date has not yet been fixed.
- (c): The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 356 cr.
- (d): Rs. 53 cr. proposed in Budget 2000-2001.