

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4148
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2000
GAUGE CONVERSION
BABUBHAI KHIMABHAI KATARA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of Railway Lines in Gujarat on Western Railways which are still in Metre Gauge and Narrow Gauge Lines;
- (b) if so, the details of such railway lines; and
- (c) when these Metre Gauge and Narrow Gauge lines are likely to be converted into Broad Gauge lines?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Unstarred Question No. 4148 by Shri Babubhai K. Katara to be answered in Lok Sabha on 09.03.2000 regarding Gauge Conversion.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): Gauge conversion of Gandhidham-Bhuj, Wankaner-Dahinsara-Navlakhi-Maliya Miyana, Dharangdhara-Kuda, Rajkot-Veraval, Surendernagar-Bhavnagar-Dhola-Dhasa-Mahuva with branch lines, Viramgam-Mahesana-Patan and Gandhidham-Palanpur are sanctioned. Out of these, Gandhidham-Bhuj, Wankaner-Dahinsara-Navlakhi-Maliya Miyana, Dharangdhara-Kuda, are targeted for completion during 2000-2001. Rest of the projects will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

Surveys for gauge conversion of Bhuj-Naliya, Wansjaliya-Jetalsar, Ahmedabad-Himatnagar-Udaipur, Mahesana-Taranga Hill, Kalol-Kadi-Katosan Road and Pratapnagar-Dabohi-Chhota Udepur MG lines have been taken up. Further consideration of these projects would be possible once the survey report becomes available/finalized.

The remaining MG/NG lines would be considered for conversion into Broad Gauge once the projects already taken up get completed and the resources position improves and based on their traffic potential at that time.