

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:817  
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2001  
GAUGE CONVERSION IN GUJARAT  
GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of metre/narrow gauge lines to be converted into broad gauge during the current Five Year Plan;
- (b) the time by which the remaining metre/narrow gauge lines are likely to be converted into broad gauge;
- (c) whether the Government of Gujarat have sent some proposals for conversion of metre/narrow gauge line into broad gauge;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon;
- (e) the status of on-going gauge conversion work in Gujarat along with the time by which these would be completed;
- (f) whether the Government have any plan of taking up any gauge conversion projects in Gujarat through private funding;
- (g) if so, the details thereof;
- (h) whether conversion of Dharangdhra-Kuda is to be done on cost sharing basis; and
- (i) if so, the time by which the said work is likely to start?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO

(i) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 817 BY SHRI G. J. JAVIYA, SHANKERSINH VAGHELA, PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL AND DINSHA PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2001 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION IN GUJARAT.

(a): Details are given in the Appendix-I.

(b): The completion of ongoing sanctioned gauge conversion projects will depend upon availability of resources in the coming years.

(c)&(d) : Details are given in the Appendix-II.

(e): Details are given in the Appendix-III.

(f): Yes, Sir.

(g): Plans have been finalized for obtaining private participation in gauge conversion project of Surendranagar- Rajula City with extension to Pipavav. It is also proposed to obtain private funding for gauge conversion of Gandhidham- Palanpur and Mehsana-Viramgam sections.

(h): Yes, Sir.

(i): Gauge conversion of Dhrangdhra-Kuda is expected to be completed during 2001-02.

APPENDIX-I

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 817 FOR 26.07.2001.

Completed between 1997-98 & 2000-01

1.	Jodhpur-Marwar	102
2.	Hotgi-Bijapur	97
3.	Nagbir-Chandafort	111
4.	Mehboobnagar-Dronachellam	185
5.	Mysore-Holenarsipur	87
6.	Jorhat-Furkating loop	67
7.	Bachwara-Hajipur	72
8.	Trichy-Thanjavur	50
9.	Hassan-Sakleshpur	42
10.	Simalguri-Shivsagar	16
11.	Kolar-Bangarpet	18
12.	Narkatiaganj-Gorakhpur	159
13.	Tambaram-Tiruchchirapalli	303
14.	Tiruchchirapalli-Dindigul	93
15.	Babupet-Ballarshah	11
16.	Solapur-Hotgi	15
17.	Sheosagar-Moranhat	39
18.	Mariani-Jorhat	18
19.	Indara-Phephana	55
20.	Pandharpur-Kurudwadi	52
21.	Kashipur-Lalkuan	60
22.	Arakkonam-Chengalpattu	63
23.	Yellahanka-Yeshwantpur	17
24.	Morbi-Maliya Miyana & Dahinsara-Navlakhi	68
25.	Nonera-Bhind of Guna-Etawah project	26
26.	Raxaul-Birganj	8
27.	Gandhidham-Bhuj	58

Total 1892

To be completed during 2001-02.

28.	Seoni-Bhind	24
29.	Amguri-Tuli	15
30.	Makum-Dangri	31
31.	Lakshmanathheertha bridge	1
32.	Pendakallu-Gooty	29
33.	Dharangdhara-Kuda	33
34.	Wankaner-Morbi	48

Total 181

## APPENDIX-II

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 817 FOR 26.7.2001.

(c)&(d): The position of demands received from the State Government for conversion of MG/NG lines in Gujarat State during last three years is given as under:-

Year	Project	Action Taken
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1998-99 (I) Suggestions for  
to 2000-02 improvement of  
Railway projects in  
the State of  
Gujarat viz. i) work on gauge conversion  
i) Gandhidham- of Gandhidham-Samakhiali-  
Samakhiali-Palanpur Palanpur is already included  
in the Budget and would be  
completed in the coming years  
as per availability of  
ii) Jamnagar- resources.  
Dahinsara ii) Due to acute constraint  
of resources being faced by  
the Railways, construction of  
new line for Jamnagar-  
iii) Bharuch-Samni- Dahinsara could not be  
Dahej considered for the present.

iii) Survey for gauge  
conversion of Bharuch-Samni-  
Dahej has already been  
completed as a part of the  
proposed 3rd line between  
Ahmedabad and Virar. Gauge  
conversion of this section  
will be considered at the  
time of taking up the 3rd  
line work in this area  
depending upon availability  
of resources.

II) Gauge Work on Gandhidham-Bhuj is  
conversion of already completed. A survey  
Gandhidham-Bhuj- for gauge conversion of Bhuj-  
Naliya, Ahmedabad- Naliya has also been  
Himatnagar, completed. In view of acute  
Windmill station- constraint of resources and  
Bedi Port, Bharuch- lower priority indicated by  
Dahej, Gandhidham- Defence Authority, this  
Samakhiali- proposal could not be  
Palanpur, Jamnagar- considered for the present.  
Bedi Port-Roji  
Pier, Porbander-All A survey for gauge conversion  
Weather Port Jetty, of Ahmedabad-Himatnagar-  
Dabhoi-Miyagam, Udaipur is in progress.  
Chhota Udepur- Further consideration of this  
Pratapnagar & its project would be possible  
extension upto Dhar once the survey report  
and Ahmedabad- becomes available.  
Vijapur (this Position regarding gauge  
includes Kalol- conversion of Bharuch-Samni-  
Adraj Moti section) Dahej is given above.

Position regarding gauge  
conversion of Gandhidham-  
Samakhiali-Palanpur is given  
above.

Due to acute constraint of  
resources being faced by the  
Railways, Windmill station -  
Bedi Port-Roji Pier,  
Porbander-Porbander Port new  
lines and Dabhoi-Miyagam  
gauge conversion projects

could not be considered for  
the present. A BG line  
already exists for Jamnagar-  
Windmill station.

Survey for gauge conversion  
of Chhotaudepur-Pratapnagar

with extension to Dhar is in progress. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

On Ahmedabad-Vijapur section, work on gauge conversion of Kalol-Adraj Moti is already included in the Budget as a part of Gandhinagar-Adraj Moti-Kalol new line project. This will provide BG connection between Ahmedabad and Adraj Moti, as a BG line already exists between Ahmedabad and Kalol.

Based on the Government of Gujarat's offer to share the cost, Gandhinagar-Adraj Moti-Kalol new line-cum-gauge conversion project has been included in the Budget 2000-01.

#### APPENDIX-III

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 817 FOR 26.07.2001.

(e): On-going gauge conversion projects in Gujarat are as under:-

Sl. No. Name of the Project of for the 2001-Project 2002 Cost Outlay Status

Gauge conversion (Rs.in crore)

1. Bhildi (Mahesana-Patan)-Viramgam-Mahesana-Patan is in progress and would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. 234.75 15.00 Gauge conversion of
2. Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad remodeling of Ahmedabad yard and gauge conversion of Sabarmati-Khodiyar is in progress and expected to be completed during 2002-03. 632.35 13.50 Section has been opened in the year 1997. Residual works such as yard
3. Rajkot-Veraval including material modification for extension from Wansjalia to Jetalsar. 291.61 20.00 Gauge conversion of Rajkot-Veraval is in progress and would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. New work for Wansjalia-Jetalsar has also been included in the Budget 2001-02 as a material modification.

4. Gandhidham- 50.75 1.00 This work has been  
Bhuj completed.

5. Wankaner- 100.85 5.5 This work has been  
Dahinsara & completed.  
Navlakhi-  
Dahinsara-  
Maliya  
Miyana

6. Surendranaga 441.63 34.4 This work is in progress  
Surendranagar- and main line  
Bhavnagar- Surendranagar-Dhasa-Rajula  
Dhola-Dahasa- with extension to Pipavav  
Mahuva with is expected to be  
extension to completed during 2002-03  
Pipavav depending upon  
availability of resources.

Surendranagar-Dhrangdhra  
gauge conversion has also  
been sanctioned as a  
material modification.

7. Dhrangdhra- 10.17 2.00 This work is in progress  
Kuda siding and expected to be  
completed during 2001-02.

8. Gandhidham- 370.74 15.00 Necessary clearances have  
Samakhiali- been obtained.  
Palanpur Preparation of plans and  
estimate has been taken  
up.