

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1461  
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2003  
RAIL PROJECTS IN GUJARAT  
RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

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

- (a) the present status of new/on-going and pending rail projects in Gujarat, alongwith target fixed for completion, project-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereon so far, project-wise;
- (c) whether there is a considerable increase in expenditure for such projects;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether some projects are lagging behind the schedule;
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government for timely completion of these projects; and
- (g) whether the Government has also received requests for new rail projects in Gujarat; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof and action taken on each of the project?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL )

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1461 BY S/SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA, SAVSHIBHAI MAKWANA, BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL AND G.J. JAVIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2003 REGARDING RAIL PROJECTS IN GUJARAT.

(a) & (b): Position is given in Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): There has been increase in the anticipated cost of the projects in comparison to the original cost due to general price escalation in the intervening period, change in standards and scope of work as per site requirements. The expenditure is within the sanctioned cost and as per the Budget outlays provided and funds received from the co-sharers.

(e) & (f): Projects are being progressed as per availability of resources. A number of initiatives have been taken to augment resources for expediting completion of the ongoing projects. These include sharing by State Governments, Public/Private Partnership, funding from Ministry of Defence, additional resources for National Project of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla and funds for National Rail Vikas Yojana. With these efforts, it may be feasible to expedite the progress of projects.

(g) & (h): Position is given in Annexure-II.

**ANNEXURE-I**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1461/S/SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA, SAVSHIBHAI MAKWANA, BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL AND G.J. JAVIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2003 REGARDING RAIL PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

(a) & (b): Details of new/on-going and pending projects alongwith funds allocated, expenditure incurred and target date fixed for completion is as under:-

(Rs. In crore)

Sl. No.	PROJECT inclusion	Year of inclusion	Cost pated	Anticipated Budget Outlay	Status
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in Budget expend- 2003-04  
iture  
upto  
March  
2003

#### NEW LINES

- 1 Gandhinagar-Adrej 2000-01 49.96 10 15 30 hectare out of 45  
Moti-Kalol hectare land has been  
acquired. Earthwork  
and bridgeworks are in  
various stages of  
progress. The entire  
project including  
conversion of Adraj  
Moti-Kalol is planned  
for completion during  
2004-05 depending upon  
availability of  
resources.
- 2 Godhra-Indore & 1989-90 900 59.73 20 This work is being  
Dewas-Maksi executed in phases.  
Dewas-Maksi(36 Km) has  
been completed and  
commissioned. Preliminary  
arrangements are being  
made to take up the work  
on remaining section.

#### GAUGE CONVERSION

- 3 Gandhidham-Palanpur 1998-99 344.63 25.57 100 Earthwork, bridges and  
ballasting have been  
taken up and are in  
various stages of  
progress. The project is  
covered under National  
Rail Vikas Yojana. This  
project is likely to be  
completed in next 2-3  
years as per the  
availability of  
resources.
- 4 Surendranagar- 1996-97 372 157.04 15 The work of conversion  
Bhavnagar-Rajula- of main line from  
Mahuva with the Surendranagar to Rajula  
extension upto with connectivity to  
Pipavav & Sihor- Pipavav has been  
Palitana. completed. Work of  
gauge conversion of  
Dhola-Bhavnagar, Sihor-  
Palitana and Rajula-  
Mahuva is also in  
progress. Dhola-Bhavnagar  
and Rajula-Mahuva is  
targeted for completion  
during 2003-04.

#### ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (g) & (h) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1461 BY S/SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA SAVSHIBHAI MAKWANA, BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL AND G.J. JAVTA BE ANSWERED IN LOKSABHA ON 11.12.2003 REGARDING RAIL PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

(g)&(h): Record of each and every demand for construction of new project is not maintained. However, some of the proposals received by the Government for construction of new rail lines in the last few years in the State of Gujarat is as under:

Sl.No.	Proposal	Action Taken
NEW LINE		
1	Gandhinagar-Adraj Moti	Work included in the budget 2000-2001.
2	Veraval-Somnath-Kodinar	New line work from Veraval to Somnath has been taken up.
3	Surendranagar-Limbdi-Loliya-Wadgaon-Khambat-Kavi-Jambusar-Bharuch and Surendranagar-Limbdi-Bagodara-Khambat-Bharuch	Work on Surendranagar-Limbdi has been completed. In view of heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and acute constraint of resources, it has not been found feasible to consider remaining portion of this proposal.
4	Extension of rail line from Modasa to Titoi	Survey completed and report is under examination.
5	Kharaghoda-Santalpur	Survey is in progress.
6	Dholera Port-Bhavnagar Port	Survey is in progress from Bhavnagar to Tarapur via Dholera.
7	Extension upto Port new line	Hazira Study is being done on behalf of Gujarat Maritime Board by RITES.
8.	Bhavnagar-Tarapur	Survey is in progress.

Besides the above, following proposals for construction of new lines have also been received. However, it has not been feasible to take up the proposed projects in view of heavy throw-forward of ongoing works and constraint of resources. The proposals received are as under:-

1. Porbandar-Porbandar Port
2. New Hapa-Dahinsara
3. Extension of rail line from Taranga Hill/Khedbrahma to Ambaji and Abu Road
4. Extension of Surendranagar-Pipavav rail line upto Jafraabad
5. Amreli-Liliya Mota
6. Umreth-Vina-Nadiad-Vaso-Dholka-Surendranagar
- 7 Radhanpur-Harij Chanasma-Mahesana

8. Radhanpur-Sami Shankheshwar- Viramgam

9. Radhanpur-Tharad-Sanchor-Jodhpur

10. Dholavira-Rapar-Tikar-Hadavad-Malvan-Ahemedabad

11. Dholera Port-Surendranagar