

Gauge Conversion

3687. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3062 dated March 13, 1997 regarding gauge conversion and state :

- (a) whether the information has since been collected;
 (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and
 (d) the time by which the said information is likely to be collected?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) A statement is enclosed.
 (c) and (d) Do not arise.

Statement

Details of the proposals as received from the Government of Gujarat and the action taken thereon is given as under:-

Sl. No.	Project	Outlay in 1997-98 (Rs. in crs.)	Action taken
1	2	3	4
1.	Linking Gandhi Nagar with Delhi Ahmedabad BG line	-	A survey has been taken up.
2.	Gauge conversion of Rajkot - Veraval and its extension upto Kodinar/Somnath	13.00	Work is in progress for Rajkot Veraval portion A survey for extension of line upto Kodinar/ Somnath has been taken up.
3.	Gauge conversion of Surendra Nagar-Bhavnagar, Dhola-Dhasa-Mahuva with extension upto Pipavav	.01	Work would be taken up after the modalities for funding the project is tied up with the private parties.
4.	Gauge conversion of Viramgam Mehsana railway line (A part of Bhildi Viramgam project)	2.00	This work was taken up under BOLT. Due to failure of BOLT conversion is now planned to be taken up with Railways funds.
5.	Gauge conversion of Mehsana-Patan M G line (A part of Bhildi-Viramgam project)	-	The work on Mehsana Patan section has been frozen at present.
6.	Gauge conversion of Navlakhi Dahinsara Morbi-Wankaner and Dahinara - Maliya Miyana railway line	1.00	This work was planned under BOLT. Owing to very high lease charges and unacceptable conditions, it has been decided to take it up with railways funds.

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7.	Gauge conversion of Gandhidham Bhuj-Nalia railway line	2.12	Work an Gandhidham Bhuj is in progress. A survey has been taken up for gauge conversion of Bhuj-Nalia section.
8.	Gauge conversion of Gandhidham Samakhiali-Santalpur-Palanpur MG line	-	A survey has been included in 1997-98 budget.
9.	Gauge Conversion of Dharangadhara Kuda Salt Siding.	.10	This work has been included in the Supplementary Budet 1997-98. Work is to be executed on cost sharing basis with the Government of Gujarat and Salt Department (Government of India).
10.	Gauge conversion of Bharuch-Dahej and Ankleshwar-Rajpipla NG line into BG.	-	Surveys for Gauge conversion of Bharuch Dahej and Ankleshwar-Rajpipla have been taken up. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the results of the survey becomes available.

Jelly Filled Cables

3688. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications have not been able to finalise the tender to purchase 250 lakh KM. of jelly filled cables even after 3-1/2 months after opening of the tenders;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the Government's policy to invite tender prices with and without taxes?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The tender for procurement of 350 lakh Conductor Kilometer comprising 230 lakh Conductor KMs. under cash & 120 lakh KM under deferred payment scheme was opened on 25.3.97. The same has since been finalised and advance purchase orders have been issued to the successful bidders on 17.7.97 under cash scheme.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Tenders are invited calling for quotations including taxes with breakup of prices showing separately the taxes payable.