

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1786
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CONVERSION OF MIRAJ LATUR RAILWAY LINE
Patil Shri Pratik Prakashbapu

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the conversion work of Miraj-Latur narrow gauge line into broad gauge line was considered in the Fourth Five Year Plan and even then it is still incomplete;
- (b) if so, the status as on date and the time by which the said broad gauge is operational; and
- (c) by when a new train on Kolhapur Howrah route will be started?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Work was included in the Budget 1993-94. Kurduwadi-Pandharpur has been completed & commissioned. Latur-Osmanabad has also been completed recently. Osmanabad-Kurduwadi is targeted for completion during 2007-08. On Miraj-Pandharpur, land acquisition, earthwork and bridges taken up.

(c) : At present, there is no proposal to introduce a train between Sri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj (T) (Kolhapur)-Howrah.