

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3212

ANSWERED ON:15.04.2010

GAUGE CONVERSION IN GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing/pending gauge conversion works in Gujarat; and
(b) the time by which the said gauge conversion work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3212 BY SHRI MANSUKH BHAI D. VASAVA AND SHRI VITTHALBHAI HANSRAJBHAI RADADIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15-04-2010 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION IN GUJARAT.

(a) & (b): The details of ongoing gauge conversion projects falling fully/partly in Gujarat with their status and time of completion wherever fixed is as under:

S. No. Name of Projects Status and time of completion fixed

1. Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur Preliminary activities like preparation of plan, alongwith new line between Modasa- Final Location Survey, etc. has been taken up. Shamlaji Part estimate for new line between Modasa- Shamlaji has been sanctioned.
2. Bharuch-Samni-Dahej (62.36 Km.) Earthwork, blanketing, bridge work and track linking are in different stages of progress. Work is targeted for completion by 31-03-2011.
3. Bhildi-Viramgam (156.63 Km.) Gauge conversion of Viramgam- Mahesana- Patan section (104.60 Km.) has been completed. Land acquisition has been taken up on Patan-Bhildi section. Earthwork, bridges, etc has also been taken up where land is available.
5. Bhuj-Naliya (101.35 Km.) with Preliminary activities like preparation of Plan, extension to Vayor (24.65 Km) estimate etc, have been taken up.
6. Pratapnagar-Chhotaudepur (99.27 km) Pratapnagar-Bodeli section (69.27 Km) has already been commissioned for passenger traffic. Balance section of Bodeli- Chhotaudepur (30 Km.) has also been opened for goods traffic on 31-03-2010 and will be opened to passenger traffic in next 2/3 months after inspection of Commissioner of Railway Safety.
7. Rajkot-Veraval, Wansjalia to Jetalsar Rajkot- Veraval- Somnath section has already been

with new line from Veraval to Somnath commissioned for passenger traffic. Balance section of Wansjalia- Jetalsar (90.61 Km.) has also been completed and opened for goods traffic. The section will be commissioned for passenger traffic after completion of residual works and inspection of Commissioner of Railway Safety.

8. Ankleshwar-Rajpipla Mega Block has been taken up from 09-05-2009. Earth work, minor and major bridges have been taken up. The project is likely to be completed in the year 2011-12.

9. Surendranagar-Bhavnagar-Mahuva with Surendranagar- Bhavnagar- Mahuva- Pipavav section extn. to Pipavav and Surendranagar- has already been commissioned. Work in balance Dhrangadhra section of Sirundranagar- Dhrangadhra (34.48 Km.) has also been completed. This section will also be commissioned after completion of residual works and inspection of Commissioner of Railway Safety.

The projects will progress and be completed as per the availability of resources.