

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION IN GUJARAT

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

- (a) whether the gauge conversion work has been started on above railway line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including budgetary support for the anticipated cost; and
- (c) the status of these railway lines?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Gauge conversion of Bhildi-Samdari (223 km) has already been completed and commissioned for goods traffic from 28-12-2009. The line will be commissioned for passenger traffic after authorization by Commissioner of Railway Safety. An outlay of Rs. 24 crore has been proposed for this project in the Railway Budget 2010-11 for residual works and financial adjustments. As regard gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur, the preliminary activities of preparation of plans and estimates are still in progress and likely to be completed in next 2-3 months. An outlay of Rs. 30 crore has been proposed for this project in the Railway Budget 2010-11.