

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL LINK TO PILGRIMAGES IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received representation from various sections of people including Government of Gujarat for providing train connections to places of pilgrimage in the country including Dakor, Ambaji, Junagadh, etc; and

(b) if so, the present status thereof and the time by which these places are likely to be connected with trains to facilitate pilgrimage?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Dakor is on Anand - Godhara section while Junagadh Jn is on Rajkot - Veraval section which are well connected on the Broad Gauge network of Indian Railways. Survey to connect Ambaji to Mahesana – Taranga Hill section has been completed recently. Introduction of trains to connect various places of the country is an ongoing process subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources.