

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1740
ANSWERED ON:16.07.2009
SURAT-HAZRIA,BHARUCH-DAHEJ RAILWAY LINE
Pathak Shri Harin

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any stake holder agreement has been signed between Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB), Dahej SEZ limited, GNFC, Adani Port and RVNL for gauge conversion of Bharuch-Dahej Railway line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to integrate Bharuch-Dahej and Surat-Hazria Section with dedicated freight corridor between Delhi-Mumbai;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1740 BY SHRI HARIN PATHAK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16-07-2009 REGARDING SURAT-HAZRIA, BHARUCH-DAHEJ RAILWAY LINE:

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): A shareholders agreement was signed on 12-01-2007 among the following parties for executing the gauge conversion work of Bharuch-Dahej, by forming a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV):

- I. Rail Vikas Nigam Limited
- II. Gujarat Maritime Board
- III. Dahej (SEZ) Ltd.
- IV. Adani Petronet (Dahej) Port Pvt. Ltd.
- V. Gujarat Narmada Fertilisers Co. Ltd

Subsequently, a Participation Agreement was signed on 16-06-2008 by the following parties to participate as members of the SPV:

- I. Hindalco Industries Ltd. (Unit: Birla Copper)
- II. Jindal Rail Infrastructure Ltd.

(c) & (d): Bharuch-Dahej & Surat-Hazira railway lines have been identified as feeder routes to the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC). The above routes will be linked with DFC alignment near Bharuch (likely near Dayadra Station) and near Surat (likely at Gothangam Station) respectively.

(e): Does not arise.