

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION ON AHMEDABAD UDAIPUR LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of gauge conversion work on Ahmedabad-Udaipur line;
- (b) the details of funds allocated/released so far for the purpose; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways for timely completion of the said project?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur (299.20 km) with extension of Modasa-Shamlaji (22.53 km) has been taken up. The detailed estimate for Himmatnagar- Udaipur section has been sanctioned. On this section, contract for major bridges has been awarded. Contract for minor bridges and earthwork has also been awarded for 27 Kms stretch and work started. The detailed estimate for Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar section has also been prepared and is under examination in this Ministry. An outlay of Rs 40 crore has been provided for the year 2011-12.

(c): Project is progressing as per availability of resources. Railways have huge throw-forward of ongoing projects with limited availability of resources. Railways will strive fund the project with the available Gross Budgetary Support and Tax-Free Bonds.