

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAILWAY LINE TOURIST TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of laying of railway line between Somnath and Kodinar in Gujarat;
- (b) the details and present status of introduction of the Janam Bhoomi Gaurav tourist trains in the country;
- (c) the funds allocated/spent thereon so far; and
- (d) the time frame set for completion of the new line project and introduction of the said tourist trains?

Answer

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

- (a): Construction of new line from Somnath-Kodinar (36.91 km) has been sanctioned in April, 2011 as a part of sanctioned Rajkot-Veraval gauge conversion project. Preliminary activities like preparation of plan, estimates, etc., have been taken up.
- (b): Indian Railways Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) is making efforts to run Janam Bhoomi Gaurav tourist trains covering historical places.
- (c): An expenditure of Rs 507.24 crore has been incurred upto March, 2011 for the entire Rajkot-Veraval gauge conversion project. An outlay of Rs 6.70 crore was kept for the project for the year 2011-12.
- (d): The project is progressing as per the availability of resources.