

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1030

ANSWERED ON:16.08.2012

PROPOSALS FOR GAUGE CONVERSION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the present status of proposals for gauge conversion from Gujarat and Bihar pending with the Railways;
- (b) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be disposed off;
- (c) the present status of gauge conversion work on Ahmedabad- Udaipur section along with the details of funds allocated/spent thereon; and
- (d) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1030 BY SHRI BALKRISHNA K. SHUKLA, DR. KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI, DR. MAHENDRASINH P. CHAUHAN AND SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.08.2012 REGARDING PROPOSALS FOR GAUGE CONVERSION.

(a) & (b): Requests are received at various levels including Divisions, Zonal Railways and Railway Board and a compendium is not maintained. However, all metre gauge/narrow gauge lines in the State of Bihar have been taken up for conversion. The details of gauge conversion proposals received in recent past pertaining fully/partly in the State of Gujarat and their status is as under:

Gujarat:

(i) Ahmedabad-Botad (170.48 km): The work included in the Budget 2012-13. Preliminary activities taken up.

(ii) Dhasa-Jetalsar (104.44 km): The work included in the Budget 2012-13. Preliminary activities taken up.

(iii) Ahmedabad-Mehsana (68.78 km): Survey taken up.

(iv) Khambhat-Khambhat Port: Survey taken up.

(v) Nadiad-Bhadran: No such survey taken up.

(c) & (d): Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur, alongwith new line between Modasa- Shamlaji (321.73 km) has been taken up. Preliminary activities like preparation of plan, Final Location Survey, etc. have been taken up. Part estimate for new line between Modasa- Shamlaji and Himmatnagar-Udaipur section have been sanctioned. Earthwork, bridges works, etc. on Himmatnagar-Udaipur section are in different stages of progress. An expenditure of Rs. 3.57 crore has been incurred upto March, 2012 and an outlay of Rs. 35.00 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2012-13. Project is progressing as per availability of resources and will be completed in coming years depending upon availability of resources.

to the present status of doubling projects indicated The details of ongoing gauge conversion projects falling fully/partly in Gujarat and Bihar alongwith funds allocated/spent thereon, their status and time of completion wherever fixed is as under given annexure.