

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:871  
ANSWERED ON:09.07.2009  
SURAT-HAZIRA RAILWAY LINE  
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the development work of Surat-Hazira Railway line is under consideration by the Railways ;
- (b) if so, the status of the line;
- (c) the financial contribution of different stake holders/companies for this project;
- (d) whether the Railways allocate more funds to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL); and
- (e) if so, the details of the amount allocated to (RVNL) during the current year?

**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. 871 BY SHRI AHIR VIKRAMBHAI ARJANBHAI MAADAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.07.2009 REGARDING SURAT-HAZIRA RAILWAY LINE;

(a) & (b): Surat-Hazira new line is a port connectivity project which was handed over to Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL), a PSU under Ministry of Railways, for further development. On being approached by RVNL, Govt. of Gujarat vide resolution No. GID-102007-1213-G dated 10.06.2009 has frozen the alignment of Surat-Hazira rail line project. To review the progress of the implementation of this project and to facilitate fast implementation, Govt. of Gujarat has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Gujarat. RVNL is working out the cost of the frozen alignment and its bankability and will process the case for sanctioning of the project.

(c): Financial contribution among different stakeholders/companies will be decided on completion of the project development and establishment of its bankability. Presently Govt. of Gujarat, Essar Steel Ltd. and Hazira Port Pvt. Ltd. have shown interest in equity participation.

(d) & (e): An amount of Rs 1420.00 crore has been proposed for RVNL in Railway Budget 2009-10.