

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:828
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2013
GAUGE CONVERSION IN GUJARAT
Pathak Shri Harin

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the present status of proposals/representations for the gauge conversion received by the Railways from Gujarat;
- (b) the present status of gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Udaipur section;
- (c) the details of funds allocated/ spent thereon so far and whether the budget provision for the year 2013-14 is sufficient for the implementation of the project; and
- (d) the time frame set for completion of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 828 BY SHRI HARIN PATHAK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2013 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION IN GUJARAT.

(a): Requests are received at various levels and a compendium is not maintained. However, the details of gauge conversion proposals received in recent past pertaining partly/fully in the State of Gujarat, their status and funds allocated/spent on the sanctioned projects is as under:

- | S. No. | Name of the proposals | Status |
|--------|---------------------------|---|
| 1. | Ahmedabad-Botad-Bhavnagar | Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Botad has been included in the Budget 2012-13. The project has been transferred to Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL) for execution. Preliminary activities like preparation of plan, estimates have been taken up. An outlay of ` 1 crore has been provided for this project in the Budget 2013-14. Botad-Bhavnagar section is already in the Broad gauge network. |
| 2. | Dhasa-Jetalsar | The work has been included in the Budget 2012-13. The project has been transferred to Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL) for execution. Preliminary activities like preparation of plan, estimates have been taken up. An outlay of ` 1 crore has been provided for this project in the Budget 2013-14. |
| 3. | Ahmedabad-Mehsana | Survey has been included in the Budget 2012-13. Preliminary activities for taking up the survey have been taken up. |
| 4. | Khambhat-Khambhat Port | Survey has been included in the Budget 2012-13. Preliminary activities for taking up the survey have been taken up. |
| 5. | Nadiad-Bhadran | Survey not yet taken up. |
| 6. | Bharuch-Samni-Dahej | Conversion of this section has been completed and commissioned. An expenditure of ` 193.04 crore has been incurred upto March, 2013. An outlay of ` 3.73 crore has been provided for this project in the Budget 2013-14. |
| 7. | Viramgam-Samakhi | There is already an existing broad gauge line. Doubling of this section has been sanctioned in the year 2011-12. An expenditure of ` 81.00 crore has been incurred upto March, 2013. An outlay of ` 115 crore has been provided for this project in the Budget 2013-14. |
| 8. | Navlakhi-Malia-Rajkot | Already converted to broad gauge. |
| 9. | Mehsana-Viramgam | Already converted to broad gauge. |

10. Virangam-Surendranagar Already converted to broad gauge. Doubling of this section has been included in the Budget 2010-11. Work taken up. An expenditure of ` 109 crore has been incurred upto March, 2013. An outlay of ` 130 crore has been provided for this project in the Budget 2013-14.
11. Mehsana-Patan Already converted to broad gauge.
12. Samakhiali-Gandhidham-Kandla The section is already an existing double broad gauge line section.
13. Gandhidham-Anjar-Mundra The section is already on broad gauge line.

(b): The gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur (299.20 km) with material modification of Shamlaji Junction-Modasa new line has been taken up. Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar and Material modification Shamlaji Jn.-Modasa is being executed by Western Railway and balance Himmatnagar- Udaipur section by North Western Railway. On Himmatnagar-Udaipur section (208.48 km) 12.72 lakh cum earthwork out of 71 lakh cum, 11 major bridges out of 45 and 24 minor bridges out of 636 have been completed. Final Location Survey for Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar section along with new line between Modasa-Shamlaji has been taken up.

(c): An expenditure of about ` 108.77 crore has been incurred upto March, 2013. An outlay of 30 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2013-14, which is insufficient for the project costing ` 1215 crore.

(d): Due to huge throw forward of ongoing projects and limited availability of resources, target date for completion of the project has not been fixed.