

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:843
ANSWERED ON:09.07.2009
PATAN-BHILADI MISSING LINK
Pathak Shri Harin

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Gujarat has sent a proposal to Union Government for construction of Patan-Bhiladi missing link;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited propose to start the work on this project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the construction of missing link between Patan-Bhiladi is a dedicated freight corridor between Pipavav, Surendarnagar, Virmagam, Mahesana, Patan, Bhiladi up to Bhatinda is feasible; and
- (f) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Minister of Revenue, Disaster Management, Road & Building, Capital Project, Women and Child Welfare, Government of Gujarat had sent a letter in February, 2008 requesting for 10 new rail lines in Gujarat. Construction of new line between Patan-Bhildi was one of them. This work is part of sanctioned project from Bhildi to Viramgam.
- (c) & (d): This work is not entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited. The work is being executed by Western Railway. The work of land acquisition and major bridges have been taken up.
- (e): Patan-Bhildi is not a part of Dedicated Freight Corridor.
- (f): Does not arise.