

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4323  
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2014  
RAILWAY PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details and the present status of gauge conversion on Ratlam-Mhow and new line project on Indore-Dahod sections;
- (b) the details of funds allocated/spent thereon so far;
- (c) the time-frame set for completion of these projects; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE 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. 4323 BY SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.02.2014 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a) to (c) The details and present status of the Ratlam-Mhow gauge conversion and Indore-Dahod new line projects are as under:

Ratlam-Mhow: Gauge conversion of Ratlam-Mhow has been taken up as a part of Ratlam-Fatehabad -Indore-Mhow-Khandwa-Amalakhurd-Akot-Akola (472.60 km) sanctioned gauge conversion project. Project execution has been taken up from both ends. On Ratlam end, conversion of Ratlam- Fatehabad section (80 km) has been completed in 2012-13 and Fatehabad-Indore section (40 km) is targeted for completion in 2013-14. On Akola end, part estimate for Akot-Akola section has been sanctioned, but execution could not be taken up for want of forestry clearance of Amalakhurd-Akot section which lies ahead and passes through Melghat Tiger Reserve. Approximately, expenditure of Rs 195.04 crore has been incurred upto March' 2013. An outlay of Rs 119.83 crore has been provided for this project in the Budget 2013-14. Target date for entire project has not been fixed.

Indore-Dahod: Indore-Dahod via Dhar, Sardarpur: Construction of new line from Indore-Dahod via Dhar, Sardarpur (200.97 km) has been taken up. Detailed estimate has been sanctioned. The total land acquisition for entire project is 992.76 hect., out of which 123 hect. for Dahod-Katwara and Sagor- Indore sections (50 km) has been acquired. Land proceeding for the balance section of Sagor-Katwara (155 km) i.e. 869.76 hect. is in progress. Execution work in Dahod-Katwara and Sagor- Indore sections has been taken up where earthwork, bridges work, electrical crossing, etc. are in different stages of progress. An expenditure of Rs 145.94 crore has been incurred upto March, 2013. An outlay of Rs 50 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2013-14. Indore-Rau-Tihi section (20 km) is targeted for completion by March, 2015 subject to availability of fund.

At present, railways have large shelf of ongoing projects, having huge throwforward with limited availability of resources. As a result, funds are thinly spread out, thus, prolonging period of completion. Both the projects are progressing as per availability of resources.

(d) Steps have been taken to generate extra budgetary resources through State participation, Public Private Partnership, Defence funding and implementation of bankable projects through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited. For early completion of the projects, State Governments are being pursued through regular meetings with Chief Secretary and other concerned officials to speed up pending cases in connection with land acquisition and forestry and to provide additional security at work sites in law and order affected areas.