

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5388  
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CLEARANCE TO RAILWAY LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether certain works of the Patan-Bhiladi Railway project has been pending for long;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the issuance of No-objection certificate by Archaeology Department is one of the reasons of the said pendency;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a) to (d): Patan-Bhildi (51 Km) new line has been taken up as a part of Bhildi-Viramgam and Mehsana-Taranga Hill gauge conversion project (214 Km). Work on Viramgam-Patan (104 Km) has been completed. In Patan-Bhildi new line, work of bridges and earthwork have been taken up. However, for want of no objection certificate from National Monument Authority for track linking near Raniki Vav, work at this location is held up.
- (e): On advice of Gujarat State, Archaeological Department, Western Railway got an Archaeological Impact Assessment Study done and report along with recommendations was submitted to National Monument Authority in March, 2012. A number of meetings have been held between officials of Railways, Archaeological Survey of India and National Monument Authority to address this issue.