

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BROAD GAUGE WORK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have started the broad gauge conversion work on Udaipur-Ahmedabad railway line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and spent as on date, project-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to allocate additional amount to complete the said work within the stipulated time;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur (299 km) section along with Modasa-Shamlaji (23 km) new line has been taken up at an anticipated cost of ` 1215 crore and an expenditure of 392 crore has been incurred upto March, 2015. An outlay of ` 300 crore has been provided for the year 2015-16 which is sufficient for the current fiscal year. In view of huge throwforward of ongoing projects, execution of this project has been taken up in phases. On Himmatnagar-Udaipur section, earthwork, bridge work, blanketing, etc. have been taken up. On Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar section, tender for building for Signalling equipment has been awarded.

(e): Completion of a railway project is dependent upon funds available for allotment, acquisition of land, statutory clearances like forestry and wild life clearances, shifting of services, cutting of trees, construction of road over bridges and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies etc. Since many of these factors are beyond the control of Ministry of Railways, timeline for completion of this project has not been fixed.