

**Title:** Need for laying of new railway lines in Gujarat.

SHRIMATI JAYABEN B. THAKKAR (VADODARA): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity to raise these problems of Gujarat that are pending with the Centre.

The Government of Gujarat had requested the Ministry of Railways for (1) conversion of fifteen metre-gauge and narrow-gauge rail lines into broad-gauge lines; (2) extension of Rajkot-Verawal line to Koinar *via* Somnath; (3) providing additional track between Ahmedabad-Mumbai; (4) construction of five new rail lines; and (5) connecting Gandhi Nagar to Delhi by broad-gauge line. These works are pending for long with the Central Government. So, I urge upon the Central Government for an early completion of these projects.