

Title: Need to expedite the work of conversion of Kurduwadi Latur metre gauge rail line into broad gauge in Maharashtra.

SHRI SHIVAJI VITHALRAO KAMBLE (OSMANABAD): I would like to raise an important matter of great public interest in my Lok Sabha Constituency, Osmanabad in Maharashtra regarding tardy implementation of conversion of Kurduwadi Latur metre gauge line into broad gauge line. I may like to bring it to the notice of Railway Minister that although the work on this project in backward region of Marathwada has commenced five years back, the progress of work has been rather too slow mainly for lack of financial support alongwith other reasons such as acquiring land, particularly forest land, for diversion of track.

Delay in implementation of the project has hampered the pace of development in the region. As a result, the people of the area feel increasingly agitated over sudden stoppage of the work on the project in recent months putting question mark on the future of the project.

I, therefore, urge upon hon. Railway Minister to look into the matter and take immediate steps to expedite execution of the project.