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Title: Need for timely completion of three railway projects in Gujarat.

SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN (KHEDA): Government of Gujarat in the past requested the Ministry of Railways for doubling of railway lines viz. (i) Ahmedabad Mehsana-Jaipur (survey for doubling of Mahesana-Palanpur has been taken up), doubling of Palanpur-Ajmer has been sanctioned in different patches and work has been taken up. The work of gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-mahesana MG line running parallel to existing BG line has been included in the budget 2015-2016 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 420 crore along with outlay of Rs. 50 crore); (ii) Rajkot -Veraval where doubling surveys in two parts have been taken up and (iii)Rajkot- Okha where survey has been taken up. Gujarat is the leading industrial State in the country with the highest GDP growth. With the tremendous success of various vibrant Gujarat Global Investor Summits, huge investments are expected. Doubling of Railway lines is imperative to cope with the huge requirement of movement of the goods from ports and industries to the large hinterland. Hence, requesting Hon'ble Railway Minister to earmark a higher allocation for these three projects and also their timely completion.