

- (a) the length of new railway lines in kilometers to be laid during the year 2010-11;
- (b) whether Government proposes to convert Udaipur-Ahmedabad line into broad gauge line; and
- (c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) 1021 kilometers of new line has been targeted for completion during 2010-11.

(b) and (c) The gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatangar-Udaipur (299.20 km) has already been included in the Budget 2008-09. Target for completion has not been fixed. ' Work will progress as per availability of resources.

Conversion of narrow gauge line into broad gauge

1472. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many narrow gauge railway lines in Gujarat have not been converted into broad gauge; and
- (b) if so, whether these narrow gauge lines would be converted into broad gauge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) As on 1.4.2010, Gujarat has 784 Km. of narrow gauge lines out of which gauge conversion has been taken up for 161 Km. The conversion of metre gauge/narrow gauge line into broad gauge is being done in a progressive manner. Vision 2020 entails conversion of all metre gauge/narrow gauge lines except some of the heritage lines.

Train service between Kapurthala and Delhi

1473. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government knows that Rail Coach Factory is situated in district Kapurthala, Punjab;