

#### Gauge conversion work for Udaipur-Ahmedabad rail line

†\* 138. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the work of conversion, from meter gauge to broad gauge, of Udaipur to Ahmedabad rail line has been started by Government;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the work will be started; and
- (c) whether Government has fixed a time-frame for conversion of the said rail line and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur (299.20 km) with extension of Modasa-Shamlaji (22.53 km) has been taken up. On Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar section, preliminary activities of Final Location Survey, Geotechnical investigation etc. are in advance stage of completion and physical works will be taken up after completion of preliminary activities and sanction of detailed estimate. On Himmatnagar-Udaipur section, tenders for execution of earthwork and bridges are under finalization. Time frame for completion of the project will depend upon availability of resources.

#### 2G Spectrum allocation

\* 139. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering fresh auction of 2G spectrum;
- (b) the plans of Government to retrieve the loss due to the scam during the 2G spectrum allocation during the first tenure of UPA Government;
- (c) whether Government would return back the licence fee to the ineligible players who got the licences for 2G spectrum; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in its recommendation made on 8th February 2011 on spectrum pricing mentioned the possibility of auction of the surplus spectrum. These recommendations are under consideration of the Government.

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