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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) During last three years, two gauge conversion surveys have been undertaken in the State of Gujarat. Out of these, the gauge conversion of Bhuj-Naliya (101.35 km.) with extension to Vayor (24.65 km.) has been included in 2008-09. Preliminary activities like preparation of plan, geo-technical investigation, etc. have been taken up. Sanction of detailed estimate is in process. An outlay of ` 60 crore has been provided for the project during 2011-12. No target date for completion of the project has yet been fixed. Survey for gauge conversion of Khijadiya-Amreli-Visayadar-Junagarh is in progress and is likely to be completed by September, 2011. Further consideration of the proposal will be feasible once the survey report becomes available and the same is examined in this Ministry.

**Development of Sabarmati railway station**

2774. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Gujarat has requested for development of Sabarmati railway station to reduce the vehicular traffic near Kalupur station and thereby reducing overcrowding and pollution at the station;
- (b) whether Railways have found merit in the request; and
- (c) if so, the time-frame envisaged for full development of Sabarmati railway station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no station by the name of Kalupur in Gujarat. However, Ahmedabad station is located in Kalupur area.

Sabarmati station is envisaged to be developed as a satellite station to Ahmedabad Station. A number of works like provision of two high level platforms, foot over bridge connecting platforms no. 1 and 2 and 3, widening of entry and exit, paved circulating area, improvement to facade of station building and new waiting rooms have been completed at Sabarmati station. Additional works for further development of Sabarmati are at the planning stage. These works will help in the reduction of vehicular traffic and pollution in Kalupur area thereby decongesting Ahmedabad station. Improvement of amenities, particularly at important stations, is an ongoing exercise and steps are taken on a regular basis in this direction.

**Irregularities in e-ticket bookings**

2775. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are irregularities in e-ticket bookings inspite of the imposition of restricted timings for e-ticket agents;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps, if any, Government plans to take to ensure a fool proof mechanism in e-ticket booking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However earlier some cases of misuse of tatkal booking in the early opening hours between 08.00 am and 09.00 am through the website had been reported.

(c) The following measures have been taken in this regard:—

(i) Access to Tatkal booking and normal booking on the opening day of reservation through e-tickets by the Travel Agents/Web-service agents/Web Agents of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), has been disabled between 08.00 am and 09.00 am.

(ii) An Anti Fraud Squad has also been created by IRCTC to detect cases of fraudulent activity and for exercising constant checks.

(iii) Action in the form of deactivation of IDs and imposition of fines has been taken against agents found involved in any fraudulent activity.

#### Divisions/zones having indoor stadium

2776. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the names of railway divisions and zones where indoor stadium have been built/being built during 2010-11 and 2011-12?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): The names of Railway Divisions and Zones where indoor stadiums have been built during 2010-11 and being built during 2011-12, are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of Zonal Railway	Name of division	Place of indoor stadium	Status of work
1.	Central Railway	Mumbai Division	Parel Sports Complex, Mumbai	Work of developing the Indoor Stadium is in progress.
2.	Eastern Railway	Sealdah Division	Gholesapur (Behala)	Under construction.
3.	East Coast Railway	Khurda Division	Bhubaneswar	Under construction.
4.	Southern Railway	Salem Division	Salem	Indoor Stadium for Badminton has been built at Salem Junction.