

section on South Central Railway have been planned for which tenders have also been finalized by RDSO. Based on success of extended trials, further deployment on Indian Railways will be considered.

Gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Udaipur railway line

1078. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether work of gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Udaipur railway line has been taken up;

(b) if so, the time-frame for completion of the project;

(c) the present position of the same falling in Gujarat; and

(d) whether the budget provision for 2013-14 is sufficient for the project's implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, The gauge conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur (299.20 km) with material modification of Shamlaji Junction-Modasa new line has been taken up. Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar (87.25 km) and Material Modification Shamlaji Jn.-Modasa (22.53 km) is being executed by Western Railway and balance Himmatnagar-Udaipur (208.48 km) section by North Western Railway. For Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar and Modasa-Shamlaji section, detailed estimate has been sanctioned. Contract for station building and Signalling and Telecom structure have been finalized. An expenditure of about Rs. 108.77 crore has been incurred upto March, 2013 in the entire project. An outlay of Rs. 30 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2013-14, which is insufficient for the project costing Rs. 1215 crore. Due to huge throw-forward of ongoing projects and limited availability of resources, target date for completion of the project has not been fixed.

Projects pertaining to Rajasthan

1079. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of gauge conversion, doubling, new railway lines and other