

(c) 14811/14812 Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Sikar Express (bi-weekly) announced in the Railway Budget 2013-14 is yet to be introduced. Generally, the trains announced in the Railway Budget are introduced during the course of same financial year.

(d) and (e) Introduction of new services, extension and increase in frequency of existing services is an ongoing process of Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources etc.

### Representations for various railway projects in Gujarat

3078. SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have received representations for gauge conversion, new railway lines and doubling of railway lines, which are essential and obvious for development of ports and industries, from various organizations/road users as well as from Government of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work is likely to start along with probable time-frame for each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Requests for undertaking various railway's work from State Government, various federation, users, etc. are received from time-to-time in Zonal Railways and Ministry of Railways. A separate compendium of such request or proposals is not maintained. However, the details of new lines, gauge conversion and doubling proposals received in last three years and current years falling fully/partly in the State of Gujarat and their status is as under:

Sl.No.	Name of the proposals	Status
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### New Line

1. Bhavnagar-Tarapur

An updating survey has been completed. Based on demands, the alignment has been changed to Bhavnagar-Khambhat via Mithli. The proposal was sent to Planning Commission for obtaining their "In Principle" approval, but Planning Commission returned the proposal.

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2.	Somnath-Kodinar-Pipavav	The work of construction of new line from Somnath-Kodinar has been taken up as a part of material modification to Rajkot-Veraval, Wansjaliya-Jetalsar sanctioned gauge conversion project. Further, survey for new line from Kodinar-Pipavav has been completed as a part of Bhavnagar-Mahuva-Pipavav-Una-Kodinar new line project.
3.	Jashalmer-Kandla ( <i>i.e.</i> Barmer-Bhabhar)	Survey completed and shelved.
4.	Rail linkage for Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor in Gujarat (Dholera-Bhimnath-Botad)	Survey has been completed and shelved.
5.	Tharad-Vav to Suigam border (Dhenera-Tharad-Vav-Suigam)	Survey has been completed. Ministry of Defence has been requested for financing the project.
6.	Kharhgoda-Santalpur	An updating survey has been taken up.
7.	Barmer-Palanpur	Survey is in advance stage of completion.
8.	Connectivity to Gariawar-Taluka in Bhavnagar (Palitana-Gariawar)	Survey has been taken up.
9.	Dahod-Nathdwara	Survey has been taken up.
10.	Daman-Nasik	Survey has been taken up.
11.	Gandhinagar-Prantij	Survey has been taken up.
12.	Hapa-Dahinsara	Survey has been taken up.
13.	Mehesana-Harij-Radhanpur	An updating survey has been taken up.

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14.	Nandiad-Dholka	Survey has been taken up.
15.	Nadiad-Tarapur-Kheda-Matar	Survey has been taken up.
16.	Palanpur-Ambaji-Abu Road	Survey has been taken up.
17.	Surat-Hazira	Survey has been taken up.
18.	Taranga Abu Road <i>via</i> Ambaji	Survey has been taken up.
19.	Tarapur-Mahemdavad	Survey has been taken up.
20.	Viramgam-Sankheshwer	Survey has been taken up.
21.	Broad gauge linkages to minor ports of Gujarat <i>viz.</i> Hazira-Dahej, Bedi and Porbander	Survey has been taken up.
22.	Khambhat-Khambhat Port	Survey has been taken up.
23.	Inclusion of Arnej-Tarapur new line in the head of Botad-Ahmedabad sanctioned gauge conversion project.	Survey has been taken up.
24.	Nasik-Surat	Survey has been taken up.
25.	Piplod-Deogarh Bara-Chhota-Udepur-Rajpipla	Survey has been taken up.
26.	Botad-Gondal <i>via</i> Jasdan	Traffic survey has been taken up.
27.	Anand-Borsad	Survey has been taken up.
28.	Dhansura-Talod	Survey has been taken up.
29.	Kapadvanj-Timba	Survey has been taken up.

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30.	Modasa-Meghraj-Banswara	Survey has been taken up.
31.	Rajpipla-Kevadiya Colony	Survey has been taken up.
<b>Gauge conversion</b>		
1.	Ahmedabad-Botad and Dhasa-Jetalsar	Survey has been completed and the work sanctioned in the Budget 2012-13.
2.	Katosan-Bahucharaji-Ranuj	Survey has been taken up.
3.	Veraval-Talala-Visavadar (Veraval-Dhasa Jn. via Talala-Vishvadar-Khijadiya)	Survey has been taken up.
4.	Kalol-Kadi	Survey has been taken up.
5.	Ahmedabad-Bahucharji	Survey has been taken up.
6.	Bhadran-Bochasan-Petlad-Nadiad	Survey has been taken up.
<b>Doubling</b>		
1.	Rajkot-Junagarh (Ahmedabad-Junagarh)	Survey has been taken up.
2.	Rajkot-Okha	Survey has been taken up.
3.	Rajkot-Veraval	Survey has been taken up.

Besides above proposals, Ministry of Railways have also received a request from Government of Gujarat for development of rail linkages in the influence area of Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC). These include 3 new line, 9 gauge conversion, 6 doubling projects and port connectivity projects. Out of these, 8 projects of gauge conversion and 1 project of doubling have already been completed.

Ahmedabad-Botad gauge conversion, doubling of Viramgam-Surendranagar and

Viramgam-Samakhiyali have been sanctioned. Remaining proposals are presently not under consideration for sanction.

Apart from the above, the following project proposals in the State of Gujarat have been received under the Participative Policy of 2012. The details of proposals and status are as under:—

Sl. No.	Proposals	Cost (Rs. in crore)
(i)	Sayan/Kin-Hazira Port New line (47 Km.)	734.00
(ii)	Gandhidham-Tuna Port New line (17 Km.)	142.00
(iii)	Bhimnath-Dholera Rail link New line (27.6 Km.)	252.33

All the above projects have to be built under the Non-Governmental Railway model where investment are made by the project developers. Hence, Ministry of Railways cannot give any timelines of project completion.

#### **Railway project in Odisha**

3079. SHRI A.V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of ongoing railway project from Kantabanji to Bhadrachalam via Khariar, Ampani, Nowarangpur and Malkangiri in Odisha; and
- (b) the status of the different sections of the lines and probable time of its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) No such project has been sanctioned.

- (b) Does not arise.

#### **Khurda Road-Bolangir railway line project**

3080. SHRI A.V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

- (a) whether in view of the announcement of the Chief Minister, Odisha offering 50 per cent cost and free land for railway line from Khurda Road- Bolangir, the Ministry is initiating implementation of the proposed railway project on priority basis; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken to expedite the implementation of the said project and the probable time-frame for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Owing to huge shelf of ongoing