

Broad gauge line between Vadodara and Indore

†2711. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the date when a foundation stone was laid for a broad gauge line from Vadodara to Indore via Chhota Udaipur and Alirajpur;

(b) by when the said work was to be completed;

(c) the Government's reaction on the slow pace of work going on from Chhota Udaipur to Alirajpur and at extremely slow pace from Alirajpur to Indore; and

(d) to what extent the said work has been completed and quantum of funds spent till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (d) Vadodara-Motisdali section is a broad gauge line section. Further, construction of new line from Motisdali-Indore *via* Chhotaudepur, Alirajpur has been taken up as a part of Chhota Udepur-Dhar *via* Alirajpur and Dahod-Indore *via* Dhar new line projects. Foundation stone for these projects was laid on 08.02.2008.

The present status of both the projects is as under:—

						(₹ in crore)
Sl. No.	Project	Year of inclusion in Budget	Latest Cost	Expenditure as on 31.03.2018	Total Outlay 2018-19	Status of Project
1.	Chhota Udepur-Dhar (157.00 km)	2007-08	1347.26	210.00	180.00	Chhota Udepur-Motisdali (22 km) along with Chhota Udepur yard has been completed. Land acquisition has been taken up. Work taken up in available land.
2.	Dahod-Indore <i>via</i> Jhabua, Amjhera and Dhar (204.76 km)	2007-08	1640.04	448.41	120.00	Indore-Rau-Tihi (21 km) section has been commissioned. Land acquisition has been taken up. Work taken up in available land.

Chhota Udepur-Dhar and Dahod-Indore new line project were envisaged to be completed within a period of 6 and 5 years respectively, but could not be completed due to overall limited availability of funds till 2013-14. Since 2014-15, adequate

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funds have been allotted to the project and execution of these projects has been speeded up (₹ 181.00 crore was provided for the Chhota Udepur-Dhar new line project during 2010-11 to 2013-14. Now, ₹ 315.00 crore has been provided for this project from 2014-15 to 2017-18. Similarly, ₹ 250.00 crore was provided for the Dahod-Indore new line project during 2010-11 to 2013-14. Now, ₹ 410.00 crore has been provided for this project from 2014-15 to 2017-18).

It is Railways' endeavor to complete these projects. To expedite completion of projects, Railways have regular coordination meetings with Ministries/Departments and State Government Authorities to expedite forestry clearances, etc. Others measures taken up to expedite completion are delegation of powers at field level, nomination of nodal officers for improved co-ordination with the State Government, etc.

Categories of reservation quotas

2712. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways are still offering berths under reservation quotas;
- (b) if so, the details of categories that are entitled for berths under reservation quotas along with the list of such categories;
- (c) whether every single berth that is available in the coaches is put on site for online booking for the passengers; and
- (d) if not, the reasons why the berths available in the coaches are not made available online for the passengers wishing to book and travel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) With a view to cater to requirements of different categories of passengers served by Indian Railways, available reserved accommodation is distributed broadly under following types of reservation quotas:—

Sl.No.	Quota	Available for
1.	General	General Public
2.	Tatkal	General Public
3.	Premium Tatkal	General Public
4.	Parliament House	Hon'ble Members of Parliament (Sitting and Former)
5.	Ladies	Female passenger travelling alone or in a group of female passengers