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Conversion of Tracks

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert all the metre gauge lines into broad-gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith names of such lines and the total length to be converted;

(c) the time by which this work is likely to be completed; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon alongwith the per km. cost of conversion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Owing to constraint of resources the gauge conversion

can be done only in a phased manner. 6000 kms are proposed to be converted during the VIII Plan. The details of lines proposed to be converted and taken up in the first year of VIII Plan are contained in the book "Works, Machinery and Rolling Stock Programmes of Railway for 92-93" which will be made available at the time of presentation of Railway Budget later today.

(c) Will depend on availability of resources.

(d) Rs. 3500 crores of current prices at the rate of Rs. 50 to 60 lakhs per km.

Alleppey-Kayankulam-Trivandrum Rail Line

204. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target date fixed and progress made in the completion of the Alleppey-Kayankulam railway line and the doubling of the line from Kayankulam to Trivandrum on Ernakulam-Trivandrum section of the Southern Railway;

(b) the amount so far spent for each of the projects and the amounts required for their completion; and

(c) when those projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The details of the target date fixed and progress made are as under :

<i>Name of Project</i>	<i>Amount spent Dec. '91 (In lacs of Rs.)</i>	<i>Amount required</i>	<i>Progress</i>	<i>Target date fixed</i>
1. Alleppey-Kayankulam new BG rail line.	4650.75	1044.00	86%	31.3.1992