

[English]

**Gauge Conversion**

830. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY :  
DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of meter and narrow-gauge railway lines which are converted into broad-gauge during the Eighth Five Year Plan, zone/State-wise; and

(b) the details of the meter/narrow gauge railway line likely to be converted during the Ninth Five Year Plan alongwith estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon, zone/State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) :  
(a) A statement is attached.

(b) The details of the MG/NG lines converted during the 1st year of the 9th Plan are furnished in the statement enclosed. The lines to be converted in the next 3 years of the 9th Plan have not yet been decided. Since the railway projects are not sanctioned Statewise and often fall in more than one state, it is not possible to give Statewise information. However the States in which the projects fall has been indicated against each project. Targets for each year are fixed only one year in advance based on availability of resources and are announced while presenting the Annual Budget.

**Statement***Gauge conversions completed in the 8th Plan*

Section	Kms.	Zone State
1	2	3

**1992-93 Completed Section**

Delhi-Rewari	83 NR	Haryana
Lalgarh-Merta Rd.	177 NR	Rajasthan
Lalgarh-Kolayat	47 NR	Rajasthan
Sawaimadhopur-Jaipur	125 WR	Rajasthan
Nadiad-Kapadvanj	45 WR	Gujarat
Bangalore-Tumkur	59 SR	Karnataka
Mysore-Bangalore	138 SR	Karnataka
Dindigul-Tuticorin	196 SR	Tamil Nadu
Bangalore-Yellahanka	12 SR	Karnataka

1	2	3
Guntur-Narsaraopet	46 SCR	AP
Bellary-Rayadurg	54 SCR	AP
Aurangabad-Jalna	64 SCR	Maharashtra
Parbhani-Parlivajinath	63 SCR	Maharashtra
Burhwal-Mehmoodabad	38 NER	UP
Kotkapura-Fazilka	80 NR	Punjab
Lucknow-Kanpur	59 NR	UP
Mankapur-Katra	30 NER	UP
Purulia-Kotshila	35 SER	WB
	1351	
<b>1993-94 completed Section</b>		
Bhatinda-Hissar	157 NR	Haryana
Jaipur-Phulera	55 WR	Rajasthan
Phulera-Jodhpur	281 NR	Rajasthan
Tumkur-Arasikere	101 SR	Karnataka
Arasikere-Chickjajur	114 SR	Karnataka
Narsaraopet-Donakonda	75 SCR	AP
Secunderabad-Mehboobnagar	127 SCR	AP
Madras-Tambaram	27 SR	TN
Chickjajur-Chitradarg	16 SR	Karnataka
Jalna-Parbhani	116 SCR	Maharashtra

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1	2	3
Gondia-Arjuni	82 SER	Maharashtra
Secunderabad-Bolarum	14 SCR	AP
Allahabad-Varanasi	126 NER	UP
Guwahati-Lumding	181 NFR	Assam
Mehmoodabad-Sitapur	60 NER	UP
Merta Rd-Merta City	15 NR	Rajasthan
Daund-Baramati	42 CR	Maharashtra
Lalkuan-Kathgodam	29 NER	UP
Patel Nagar-Sarai	3 NR	Delhi
Durgapur-Jaipur	8 WR	Rajasthan
Mysore-Ashok Puram	5 SR	Karnataka
Lucknow-Manaknagar	5 NER	UP
	1619	
<b>1994-95 completed Section</b>		
Hisar-Rewari	143 NR	Haryana
Phulera-Ajmer	81 WR	Rajasthan
Rewari-Jaipur	225 WR	Rajasthan
Mehsana-Khodiyar	52 WR	Gujarat
Delhi Cantt-DLI/NDLS	14 NR	Delhi
Jodhpur-Jaisalmer	295 NR	Rajasthan
Chickmagalur-Harihar	60 SR	Karnataka

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1	2	3
Harihar-Hubli	129 SR	Karnataka
Hubli-Londa	93 SCR	Karnataka
Londa-Miraj	188 SCR	Karnataka
Birur-Shimoga	63 SR	Karnataka
Hubli-Gadag-Hariapur	78 SCR	Karnataka
Alnavar-Amedwadi	26 SCR	Karnataka
Donakonda-Giddalur	84 SCR	AP
Chickajur-Chitradurg	18 SR	Karnataka
Parbhani-Purna	29 SCR	Maharashtra
Purna-Nanded	32 SCR	Maharashtra
Arjuni-Wadsa	23 SER	Maharashtra
Muzaffarpur-Raxaul	129 NER	Bihar
Lumding-Nailalung	22 NFR	Assam
Chapermukh-Haibargaon	21 NFR	Assam
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**Total in 8th plan = 6897 kms**

**1995-96 completed Section**

Harlapur-Hospet	67 SCR	Karnataka
Hospet-Swamahalli	60 SCR	Karnataka
Londa-Castlerock	25 SCR	Karnataka
Mudkhed-Nanded	23 SCR	AP
Nailalung-Dimapur	38 NFR	Assam

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1	2	3
Yellahanka-Chickballapur	46 SR	Karnataka
Makrana-Prabatsar	21 WR	Rajaasthan
Samastipur-Darbhanga	37 NER	Bihar
Giddalur-Nandyal	69 SCR	AP
Gunda Rd-Kottur	50 SCR	Karnataka
Aunrihar-Chhapra	171 NER	UP
Yeshwantpur-Salem	46 SR	Karnataka/TN
Chhindwara-Parasia	28 CR	MP
Dimapur-Furkating	70 NFR	Assam
Guwahati-Kamakhaya	7 NFR	Assam
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**1996-97 completed Section**

Wadsa-Nagbir	28 SER	Maharashtra
Arasikere-Hassan	47 SR	Karnataka
Hossur-Salem	151 SR	TN
Mau-Shahganj	99 NER	UP
Hassan-Holenarsipur	30 SR	Karnataka
Mehsana-Marwar-Ajmer	423 WR	Rajasthan
Sagauli-Narkatiaganj	59 NER	Bihar
Castle Rock-Vasco	87 SCR	Goa
Guntakal-Nandyal	136 SCR	AP

1	2	3
Tinsukia-Lekhapani	63 NFR	Assam
Furkating-Tinsukia	193 NFR	Assam
Tinsukia-Dibrugarh	48 NFR	Assam
	1364	

*Position of gauge conversions in the 9th Plan*

Section	Kms.	Zone	State
1	2	3	4
<b>1997-98 Completed Section</b>			
Hassan-Sakleshpur	42	SR	Karnataka
Mysore-Holenarsipur	87	SR	Karnataka
Bachwara-Hajipur	71	NE	Bihar
Kolar-Bangarpet NG	18	SR	Karnataka
Trichy-Thanjavur	50	SR	Tamilnadu
Jodhpur-Marwar	103	NR	Rajasthan
Nagbir-Chandafort NG	111	SER	Maharashtra
Hotgi-Bijapur	97	SCR	Karnataka & Maharashtra
Jorhat-Furkating loop	67	NFR	Assam
Shimalguri-Shivsagar	16	NFR	Assam
Dronachellam-Mehboobnagar	185	SCR	Andhra Pradesh
<b>Total</b>	<b>847</b>		

1	2	3	4
<b>1998-99 Section</b>			
Tambaram-Trichy (Completed)	309	SR	Tamilnadu
Dindigul-Trichy	95	SR	Tamilnadu
Yeshwantpur-Bayippanhalli	20	SR	Karnataka
Chandafort-Ballarshah	12	SER	Maharashtra
Gorakhpur-Narkatiaganj	159	NER	Bihar & U.P.
Jorhat-Mariani (Completed)	17	NFR	Assam
Sheosagar-Moranhat (Completed)	38	NFR	Assam
Indara-Phephna	50	NER	Uttar Pradesh
Nonera-Soni	27	CR	Madhya Pradesh
Chengalpattu-Kenjivaram	34	SR	Tamilnadu
<b>Total</b>	<b>761</b>		

*Railways do not maintain information state-wise. However, zone-wise expenditure incurred on gauge conversion in 1997-98 and expenditure likely to be incurred thereon during 1998-99 are as under:*

Zone	Expenditure incurred in 1997-98 (Rs. in crs.)	Expenditure likely to be incurred during 1998-99 (Rs. in crs.)
1	2	3
Central Railway	12.68	25.00
Eastern Railway	Nil	Nil
Northern Railway	89.99	28.50
Northeastern Railway	106.97	138.77
Northeast Frontier Railway	191.95	83.10

1	2	3
Southern Railway	461.19	192.62
South Central Railway	239.43	121.60
South Eastern Railway	70.82	55.40
Western Railway	72.58	158.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1245.61</b>	<b>802.99</b>

#### **Defence Team to Russia**

831. SHRI NARESH PUGLIA :  
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :  
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE :  
SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Russian Government has been pressurised by the US to end military ties with India;

(b) if so, the response of the French Government thereon;

(c) whether a high level Indian Defence team visited Moscow recently for a meeting of the Indo-Russian joint working group on military technical cooperation;

(d) if so, the details of discussions held there; and

(e) the outcome therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Government has seen unsubstantiated media reports to this effect.

(b) Government is not aware of any official reaction of the French Government in this regard.

(c) to (e) In connection with the fifth meeting of the Indo-Russian Group on Military-Technical Co-operation a delegation led by Defence Secretary and consisting of senior officers from the armed forces and the Ministry of Defence visited Moscow from November 10-12, 1998. The Joint Working Group is responsible for reviewing and monitoring the progress of the implementation of the on-going long-term programme of military-technical co-

operation between the two countries. It will not be in the interest of national security to disclose details of discussions held during the joint meeting.

#### **Use of Substandard Material in Construction**

832. SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the roof plaster of the newly constructed building of Balasore Railway Station has started falling;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to conduct an inquiry in this regard; and

(d) if so, the time by which the inquiry is likely to be conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

#### **Crash of IAF Plane near Calcutta**

833. SHRI D.S. AHIRE :  
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Air Force Plane crashed over two other stationary aircraft while landing at Kalaikunda Airbase near Calcutta on August 31, 1998;