

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4539  
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CONVERSION INTO BROAD-GAUGE RAILWAY LINE IN TAMIL NADU  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the length of metre-gauge railway lines in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the length of metre gauge lines currently under conversion into broad-gauge lines;
- (c) whether there is any target set to convert all the metre gauge lines into broad-gauge lines;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

- (a) The total length of metre gauge rail line (route kilometres) in Tamil Nadu is 2145 kms. (latest available figure as on 31.3.2000).
- (b) In Tamil Nadu, about 1288 kms of metre gauge lines are currently under conversion.
- (c) No target has been set.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Identified metre gauge lines have been taken up for conversion on various considerations and as per availability of resources.