

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4208
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2000
GAUGE CONVERSION
MANOJ SINHA;TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of NG/MG rail lines in the country before the commencement of Ninth Five Year Plan, zone-wise;
- (b) the details of narrow/metre gauge railway lines converted into broad gauge during the last three years; till date, zone-wise;
- (c) the expenditure incurred thereon, project-wise;
- (d) whether the progress of these projects is going on as per schedule; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4208 BY SHRI TRILOCHAN KANUNGO AND MANOJ SINHA TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.04.2000 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION.

(a) The total length of NG/MG lines (route kms.) in the country before the commencement of Ninth Five Year Plan i.e. on 31 st March, 1997 zone-wise is given below:-

Railway Zone Route Kilometres as on 31.3.1997

Railway Zone	Route Kilometres as on 31.3.1997	
	Metre Gauge	Narrow Gauge
Central		996
Eastern		133
Northern	1,772	261
North Eastern	3,153	
Northeast Frontier	2,685	88
Southern	3,030	102
South Central	1,919	
South Eastern		1,254
Western	4,485	876
Total	17,044	3,710

(b) & (c) The details are as under :-

Railway /Zone section	Name of the converted section	Expenditure (in crores of Rupees)
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North Eastern

- (i) Hajipur-Bachwara 69.46
- (ii) Narkatiaganj-Gorakhpur 136
- (iii) Indara-Phephana 33.36
- (iv) Kashipur-Lalkuan 41.90

Northeast Frontier Jorhat-Furkating,
Simalguri-Shivsagar,
Jorhat-Mariani,
Shivsagar-Moranhat 660.60
(part of Luming-Dibrugarh)

Southern

- (i) Kolar-Bangarpet 58.66
- (ii) Hassan-Sakleshpur 129.7
(part of Arasikere-Hasan-Mangalore)
- (iii) Yeshwantpur-Salem 175.7
- (iv) Trichy-Thanjavur 81.15
(part of Trichy-Nagore-Karaikal)
- (v) Tambaram-Trichy and
Arakkonam-Chengalpettu 607.1
(part of Chennai Beach-Trichy)
- (vi) Dindigul-Trichy 110

South Central

- (i) Sholapur-Hotgi and Hotgi-Bijapur 120
(part of Sholapur-Gadag)
- (ii) Dronachalam-Mehaboobnagar 332.5
(part of Secunderabad-Dronachalam)

South Eastern Babupeth-Ballarshah and Nagbir-
Chandafort 232.9
(part of Gondia-Chandafort)

Western Morbi-Maliya Miyana and
Dahinsara to Navlakhi 19.42
(part of Wankaner-Maliya Miyana)

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.