

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4232
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GAUGE CONVERSION OF NAUPADA-GUNUPUR RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for delay and slow progress in Naupada–Gunupur Gauge Conversion of East Coast Railway; and
- (b) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a): The work of gauge conversion of Naupada–Gunupur was included in the Budget 1997–98 with the proviso that the work would be taken up after obtaining the necessary clearances, which have since been obtained in September 2002. Consequently, the work has been taken up.
- (b): No target has yet been fixed for completion of the project.