

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1157  
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2002  
ON-GOING GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECTS IN RAJASTHAN  
RAGHUVIR SINGH KAUSHAL

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the on-going gauge conversion projects in Rajasthan, project-wise;  
(b) the funds allocated therefor and the expenditure incurred thereon, so far, project-wise;  
(c) the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed; and  
(d) the names of the rail lines which have not been selected for conversion and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Unstarred Question No. 1157 asked by Shri Raghuvir Singh Kaushal for answer on 7.3.2002 in Lok Sabha regarding on-going gauge conversion projects in Rajasthan.

(a) to (c): The details of gauge conversion works taken up wholly/partly in Rajasthan State are as under:-

Project (in Km.) crore) upto 31.3.2002 (Rupees in crore)	Length (Rupees in crore)	Cost expenditure likely to be incurred (Rupees in crore)	Approximate proposed for 2002- 03	Outlay
Bhildi-Samdari	223	244.74	1.25	15.00
Luni-Barmer- Munabao	297	283.94	88.26	0.10
Luni-Jodhpur	28	52.96	51.96	0.60
Luni-Marwar	72	61.25	59.50	0.75
Sriganganagar- Sarupsar	116	68.72	0.08	0.01
Rewari-Sadulpur including Hissar- Sadulpur	211	282.76	0.22	10.86
Pipar Road-Bilara	41	21.46	0.56	5.00
Phulera-Marwar- Ahmedabad	572	632.35	623.35	9.00
Ajmer-Chittaurgarh- Udaipur including Udaipur-Umra	311	294.69	34.85	30.00
Agra Fort-Bandikui	152	178.03	16.29	26.00

Out of the above, work on Luni-Jodhpur, Luni-Marwar and Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad projects have already been completed. Work on rest of the projects are in various stages of progress and would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

(d) Following rail lines in Rajasthan have not yet been taken up for conversion:-

Sriganganagar-Hanumangarh-Suratpura, Sadulpur-Ratangarh-Bikaner, Ratangarh-Sardar Shahr, Ratangarh-Degana, Churu-Sikar-Ringus-Jaipur, Sikar-Loharu, Ajmer-Phulera-Ringus-Rewari, Jaipur-Phulera-Marwar-Mavli-Bari S a d r i, Umra-Dungarpur-

Himmatnagar, Dholpur-Sirmuttra-Tantpur and Chittaurgarh-Neemuch.

There is no proposal to convert all MG/NG lines into BG. 'Project Unigauge' taken up by the Railways is for selective conversion of MG/NG lines to BG in a phased manner based on considerations of capacity requirement, development potential, strategic and other reasons depending upon availability of resources.