

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3349
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QUILON-SHENKOTTAI-VIRUDUNAGAR GAUGE CONVERSION WORK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of the works relating to gauge conversion of the Quilon Shenkottai-Virudunagar Metre Gauge Line in Southern Railway;
- (b) whether the suggestion to simultaneously start the work from Quilon and Virudunagar has been considered and approved;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the work on the said project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): On Virudhunagar-Tenkasi, Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur and Quilon-Punalur sections, earthwork and bridge works are in progress. The track linking on Virudhunagar-Rajapalayam section has almost been completed. On Punalur and Sengottai section, final location survey has almost been completed and detailed estimate etc. is in progress.

(d): Virudhunagar-Rajapalayam section is targeted for completion by 31.03.2003 and Rajapalayam-Tenkasi section during 2003-04. No target date has been fixed for completion of the work on remaining sections.