

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2911
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GAUGE CONVERSION OF KATIHAR-JOGBANI-RADHIKAPUR RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether necessary clearance has been obtained for gauge conversion of Katihar-Jogbani-Barsoi-Radhikapur rail line;
- (b) if so, the estimated cost of the project and funds allocated therefor during 2000-01;
- (c) the time by which the conversion work of above line is likely to be started and completed; and
- (d) if not, the time by which the above project is likely to be cleared?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): The anticipated cost of the work is Rs.257 cr. Allocation during 2000-01 is Rs.10 cr.

(c) and (d): The work will be taken up after the requisite clearances have been obtained, action for which has been initiated. The target date for completion of the project has not yet been fixed. The definite time by which clearance will be available is not possible to be indicated by Railway as a number of Government departments are involved in the process.