

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2281  
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GAUGE CONVERSION OF FAKIRAGRAM JN-ZOLAKGANJ RAIL LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a proposal for conversion of Fakiragram Junction-Zolakganj rail line (Dhubri District) in Assam under the Unigauge plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the length and estimated cost of conversion; and
- (c) the steps taken to implement the same and the progress made in this regard so far?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Conversion of Fakiragram Junction-Golakganj rail line is a part of new Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon gauge conversion project (280 km.) for which CCEA clearances have been received. The latest anticipated cost of the project is Rs.435.88cr. Work on earth work and bridges has been started for the main line. Work on branch lines will be started after work on main line picks up.