

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION OF COOCHBEHAR-LUMDING RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a project for conversion of railway line from Coochbehar to Lumding in Assam into broad gauge, under the unigauge programme;
- (b) if so, its length and estimated cost thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to implement the above conversion project and the expenditure incurred thereon so far?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Gauge conversion of Alipurduar-Gitalda is sanctioned as part of New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon gauge conversion project. When this project is completed in the coming year, Coochbehar station will get direct broad gauge link to Lumding.