

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:81
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GAUGE CONVERSION OF VIRUDHANAGAR-QUILON RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which the foundation stone for conversion of Virudhanagar-Quilon metre gauge line was laid and the work completed so far;
- (b) the amount out of the allocated funds spent thereon so far;
- (c) the funds required, including cost escalation, for the completion of the project; and
- (d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a): The foundation stone was laid on 17.6.1999. Work has started in two sections in this project i.e. Virudhunagar-Tenkasi and Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur.
- (b): Rs. 230 lakhs.
- (c): The estimated cost is Rs. 332.18 crores (Approx.). The correct cost escalation will depend on the inflation between now and the date of completion.
- (d): No firm target date has yet been fixed for completion of the project. The project will be progressed and completed as per availability of resources.