

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION OF ARASIKERE-HASSAN-MANGALORE RAILWAY LINE

PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which the gauge conversion work of Arasikere-Hassan-Mangalore Railway line was started;
- (b) the estimated cost of the above project and the amount spent thereon so far;
- (c) the funds allocated to the above project during 1999-2000; and
- (d) the time by which the above project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a): The work was started in the year 1994-95.

(b): The cost of the project is Rs. 217.82 crs. and an amount of Rs. 115.01 crs. has been spent so far.

(c): The budget allotment in 1999-2000 was Rs. 28 crs.

(d): Arasikere-Hassan (46.66 km) was commissioned on 23.8.96 and Hassan to Sakleshpur (42.06 km) was commissioned on 26.01.98. The work on Sakleshpur-Kankanadi (142 km) is in good progress and will be completed in a phased manner. No firm target date has yet been fixed for the completion of the project.