

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:95
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
GAUGE CONVERSION IN RAJASTHAN
RASA SINGH RAWAT

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have given up the idea of implementing Unigauge throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the length of metre gauge line in Kilometres in Rajasthan yet to be converted and the time by which these are likely be converted particularly on Ajmer-Chittaur-Udaipur, Ringas-Rewari-Phulera and Bandikui-Agra Fort sections;
- (d) whether the Government of Rajasthan has submitted any representation to the Union Government in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the action plan formulated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Unstarred Question No. 95 by Prof. Rasa Singh Rawat to be answered in Lok Sabha on 24.2.2000 regarding Gauge conversion in Rajasthan.

(a)&(b): There was no plan to have total unigauge throughout the country. Railways had taken up large scale conversion of those MG/NG lines which could generated additional capacity, serve as alternative routes or provide missing links. Most of the important routes taken up have been completed. Works in progress in Rajasthan area are being given due priority.

(c): 3081 kms of MG lines remain in Rajasthan of which conversion work is sanctioned on 1138 kms at present. The target dates for completion of these works including Ajmer-Chittaurgarh-Udaipur & Bandikui-Agra Fort has not yet been fixed. Gauge conversion of Rewari-Ringas-Phulera is not yet sanctioned.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): The representation has been given due consideration and priority is being accorded to the projects mentioned in this representation.