

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1856  
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2001  
GAUGE CONVERSION OF QUILON-TENKASI-TIRUNELVELI RAIL LINE  
SURESH KODIKUNNIL

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the progress made regarding Gauge conversion work of Quilon-Tenkasi-Tirunelveli meter gauge line in Southern Railway;
- (b) the expenditure incurred thereon alongwith the estimated cost therefor;
- (c) whether any gauge conversion work has been started in Quilon-Sihengotin section; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

- (a):On Virudhnagar-Tenkasi and Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur bridge work and earthwork have been taken up. Final location survey in the ghat section between Quilon and Tenkasi has been recently completed.
- (b): Anticipated cost of the project is Rs. 327.6 crore. The expenditure incurred upto March 2001 is Rs. 21.97 crores.
- (c) & (d): Final Location Survey has been completed. Preparation of plans and estimate have been taken up.