

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5662  
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2001  
GAUGE CONVERSION IN MAHARASHTRA  
RAMDAS RUPALA GAVIT

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

- (a) the details in regard to the conversion of metre gauge lines into broadgauge lines in Maharashtra during the current year;
- (b) whether the Government have any proposal for conversion of the Dhule rail line into broadgauge line under Bhusawal division;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

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

- (a): A Statement is attached.
- (b): No, Sir. The line connecting Dhule is already on BG.
- (c) & (d): Do not arise.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5662 BY SHRI RAMDAS RUPALA GAVIT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.08.2001 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION IN MAHARASHTRA.

(a) The details of ongoing gauge conversion projects falling partly/wholly in Maharashtra are as under:

SI No.	Name of the Project	Cost	Status
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1. Mudkhed-Adilabad (167 Km.) 170.5 cr. The work has been taken up under BOLT scheme. The agency has been facing problem in arranging finances for the work. The completion of work would depend upon arrangement of finances.
2. Secunderabad-Mudkhed & Jankhampet-Bodan (269 kms.) 287.8 cr. The work is in progress in phases. In the first phase work in progress on Mudkhed-Nizamabad section and in the phase-II on Nizamabad-Secunderabad section.
3. Purna-Akola (209 kms) 228 cr. Final Location Survey is in progress. Arrangements are being made to take up earthwork and bridges on Purna to Hingoli section (81.51 kms.).
4. Miraj-Latur (359 kms.) 329 cr. The work is being progressed in phases. In the phase-I gauge conversion work from Kurduwadi to Pandharpur (52 kms.) has been completed. Residual works in the section are in progress. In Ph.-II from Latur Rd. to Latur (42 kms.) earth work, major and minor bridges have been completed. Ph-III from Kurduwadi to Latur (143 kms.) has also been taken up.
5. Gondia-Jabalpur 386.3 Work has been taken up in the phases. In the first phase

and Balaghat- cr. work on Gondia-Balaghat is in progress.  
Katangi (285 kms.)