

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:485  
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GAUGE CONVERSION OF JABALPUR-GONDIA RAIL LINE  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the land required for the gauge conversion of Jabalpur-Gondia has been acquired by the Government;
- (b) if so, the area of land acquired so far from the government and private parties, separately;
- (c) if not, the impediment in land acquisition along with the steps being taken to remove these impediments;
- (d) the target fixed for completion of the said gauge conversion work; and
- (e) the time by which the work is likely to be started?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA )

- (a) & (b): Sir, out of the total requirement of about 600 hectares of land, 41.683 hectares of private land and 0.68 hectare of government land have so far been taken over from the State Government.
- (c): Land acquisition is in progress.
- (d): No target date has yet been fixed for the entire project. Gondia-Balaghat (42 Km) is likely to be completed during 2002-03.
- (e) : The work is already in progress.