

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5061  
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2000  
GAUGE CONVERSION  
RAMSINH PATALIYABHAI RATHWA

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

- (a) the details of metre/narrow gauge rail lines converted/being converted and proposed to be converted into broad gauge during the current five year plan alongwith the expenditure incurred and likely to be incurred thereon, State/zone-wise;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to convert metre/narrow gauge lines into broad gauge through private funding; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/zone-wise?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5061 BY S/SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA, P.SGADHAVI AND DINSHA PATEL TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2000 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION.

(a): Railways do not maintain information State-wise. However, details of metre/narrow gauge rail lines converted during the 1st 3 years of 9th Plan are as under:-

97-98 Completed section	Length (kms)	Zone	State
Hassan-Sakleshpur	42	Southern Railway	Karnataka
Mysore-Holenaripur	87	Southern Railway	Karnataka
Bachwara-Hazipur	71	North-Eastern Railway	Bihar
Kolar-Bangarpet NG	18	Southern Railway	Karnataka
Trichy-Thanjavur	50	Southern Railway	Tamil Nadu
Jodhpur-Marwar	103	Northern Railway	Rajasthan
Nagbhir-Chandafort NG	111	South Eastern Railway	Maharashtra
Hotgi-Bijapur	97	South Central Railway	Karnataka & Maharashtra
Jorhat-Furkating loop	67	Northeast Frontier Railway	Assam
Shimlaguri-Shivsagar	16	Northeast Frontier Railway	Assam
Dronachellam-Mehboobnagar	185	South Central Railway	Andhra Pradesh
<b>Total</b>	<b>847</b>		

98-99 Completed section	Length (kms)	Zone	State
Tamaram-Trichy	309	Southern Railway	Tamil Nadu
Dindigul-Trichy	89	Southern Railway	Tamil Nadu
Jorhat-Mariani	17	Northeast Frontier Railway	Assam
Sheosagar-Moranhat	38	Northeast Frontier Railway	Assam
Narkatiaganj-Gorakhpur	159	North Eastern Railway	UP/Bihar

Babupeth-Ballarshah Railway	11	South Central	Maharashtra
Sholapur-Hotgi Railway	15	South Central	Maharashtra
Indara-Phephna Railway	52	North Eastern	Uttar Pradesh

Total 690

1999-2000 section	Completed Length (kms)	Zone	State
Yeshwantpur- Baiyyapanahalli	17	Southern Railway	Karnataka
Arakkonam- Chengalpettu	63	Southern Railway	Tamil Nadu
Morbi-Maliya	68	Western Railway	Gujarat
Miyana and Dahinsara to Naulakhi Kashipru- Lalkuan	58	North Eastern Railway	Uttar Pradesh

Total 206

The details of metre/narrow gauge lines targeted to be converted during 2000-01 are as under:-

1	Nonera-Bhind of Guna-Etawah project	50 km	Central Railway
2	Raxaul-Birganj	8km	North Eastern Railway
3	Makum-Dangri & Amguri-Tuli	45km	Northeast Frontier Railway
4	Laxmnathirtha Bridge Diversion on Mysore Hassan line	1 km	Southern Railway
5	Mudkhed-Adilabad	142km	South Central Railway
6	Wakaner-Morbi	48km	Western Railway