

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:578  
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GAUGE CONVERSION WORK PENDING UNDER EAST COAST RAILWAY  
ANANTA NAYAK

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

- (a) the details of the gauge conversion work pending under East Coast Railway;
- (b) the year since when these conversion projects are pending; and
- (c) the present status of those pending projects?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): There is only one narrow gauge line in East Coast Railway from Naupada to Gunupur, the gauge conversion of which has already been taken up. Land acquisition, earthwork and bridgeworks are in progress. An amount of Rs. 15 crore has been provided for this project during 2003-04.