

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3304
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GAUGE CONVERSION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway has fixed a target period to complete the broad gauge conversion through out the country as part of `Vision 2020`;
- (b) if so, the details thereof,
- (c) whether the allotted budget amount of Rs.25 crores for Trichirapalli-Manamadurai rail line will be spent during this year as per the formula of priority; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d): During 2003-04, an outlay of Rs.5 crore has been provided for Tiruchchirappallis-Manamadurai gauge conversion project. Efforts are being made to utilize the allotted funds.