

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5123
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2005
GAUGE CONVERSION
Modi Shri Sushil Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to cover all the meter gauge into broad gauge lines in the country;
- (b) if so, the names of meter gauge rail lines/sections in Bihar along with details of schemes for their gauge conversion;
- (c) the names of rail lines/sections in Bihar where gauge conversion works are currently undergoing along with the amount allocated thereof ; and
- (d) the time by which the gauge conversion work of rest of the rail lines/sections in Bihar is likely to be taken up along with the details thereof?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5123 BY SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.04.2005 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION.

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : The details of the gauge conversion works falling partly/fully in Bihar currently in progress with outlay provided for 2005-06 together with anticipated expenditure incurred upto 31.03.2005 and current status are as under:-

S.No	Name of Project	Anticipated expenditure incurred upto 31.3.2005 (Rs. in Crores)	Outlay provided during 2005-06 (Rs. in Crores)	Current status
1.	Jayanagar-Darbhangar-Narkatiaganj (268 kms)	58.05	20.00	Earthwork and bridge works have been taken up.
2.	Kaptanganj-Thave-Siwan-Chhapra (233.5 kms)	31.09	8.00	Earthwork and bridge works have been taken up.
3.	Katihar-Jogbani (including Katihar-Radhikapur) (201.26 kms)	122.61	20.50	Earthwork and bridge works have been taken up. Barsoi-Radhikapur is targeted for completion in 2005-06.
4.	Mansi-Saharsa - Dauram Madhepura & extension from Dauram Madhepura. -Purnea (142 kms)	110.62	10.01	Earthwork and bridge works in progress. Mansi-Saharsa targeted for completion in

2005-06.

5.	Samastipur-Khagaria & Mansi-Khagaria (94 kms)	18.44	35.04	Earthwork and bridge works are in progress.
6.	Sakri-Laukha Bazar- Nirmali & Saharsa- Forbesganj (206.06 kms)	0.51	10.00	Funds for this work will be provided by Ministry of Defence. The detailed estimate has been prepared and is under process of sanction.

(d): No time frame for taking up gauge conversion of remaining lines in Bihar has been fixed.