

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CONVERSION OF MG LINES INTO B.G. LINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of Meter Gauge (MG) railway lines in Karnataka as on October, 2005;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to convert these MG lines into BG;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which these MG lines are likely to be converted into BG lines?

Answer

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

(a) The data on Railway network is maintained as on 31 st March of each year. As such, the total length of Metre Gauge railway line (route kilometres) in Karnataka as on 31.3.2005 (latest available) is 408 kilometres.

(b) to (d): The gauge conversion of metre gauge lines, as existing on 31.03.2005, taken up in Karnataka with their date of completion, wherever fixed, is indicated as under:-

Section	Date of completion wherever fixed
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Bellary - Hagari	2005-06
Mysore-Chamarajanagar	-
Shimoga-Talguppa	-
Bijapur-Gadag	Bijapur-Basavanabagewadi completed. Basavanabagewadi - Bagalkot during 2005-06.
Sakleshpur -Subramania Road	Recently completed.