

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION OF SECUNDERABAD TO NIZAMABAD
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the gauge conversion of railway line from Secunderabad to Nizamabad is under progress;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present status of the work and target date of completion;
- (d) whether this gauge conversion work is lagging behind the schedule due to lack of funds;
- (e) if so, whether Andhra Pradesh has requested the Government to provide adequate funds for the timely completion of the project; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and time by which this work is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The gauge conversion of Secunderabad-Mudkhed and Jankampet -Bodhan (269 kms) is in progress. The anticipated cost of the project is Rs.287.83 crore.
- (c): The gauge conversion of Mudkhed-Nizamabad, Bolarum-Manorabad and Jankampet-Bodhan (135 kms) has already been completed and commissioned. Conversion of Manorabad-Nizamabad (120 kms) is targeted for completion during 2004-05 and balance 14 kms is likely to be completed by 2005-06.
- (d): The work is being progressed as per the availability of resources.
- (e) and (f): A request has been received from Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh for providing higher outlay on the project. An outlay of Rs.35 cr has been provided for the project in the budget 2004-05 and the progress has been expedited to complete the project by 2005-06.