

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3294

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GAUGE CONVERSION OF MANGALORE-HASSAN RAILWAY TRACK

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

- (a) the present position of gauge conversion of Mangalore-Hassan railway track;
- (b) the details of the length remaining for gauge conversion and the time by which it is likely to be completed;
- (c) the details of the amount required for the completion of the work;
- (d) whether the entire Railways in Karnataka State has been merged with the South Western Railway;
- (e) if so, whether the Mangalore railway station has not been handed over to the South Western Railway; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): On Mangalore-Hassan section, work on Hassan-Sakleshpur (42 kms) and Kankanadi-Kabakaputtur (44 kms) has already been completed and the sections commissioned for train services. Work on Kabakaputtur-Subramanya Road (42 kms.) has been completed recently. Work on the balance portion i.e Subramanya Road -Sakleshpur (56 kms) is targeted for completion during 2004-05 where works are in advance stage of completion.
- (c): The balance amount required for completion of Hassan-Mangalore gauge conversion project is about Rs. 75 crore.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e) & (f): Do not arise.