

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:269

ANSWERED ON:23.11.2006

GAUGE CONVERSION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of metre gauge and narrow gauge railway line in the country, State-wise and zone-wise;
- (b) the length of metre gauge and narrow gauge railway lines converted into broad gauge during each of the last three years, State-wise and zone-wise;
- (c) the funds allotted and spent by Railways for the purpose during the said period, State-wise and zone-wise;
- (d) the details of the projects running behind schedule alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the completion of works?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.269 BY SHRI M. APPADURAI, SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN, SHRI JOACHIM BAXLA AND SHRI JASUBHAI DHANABHAI BARAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.11.2006 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION.

(a) The State-wise and zone-wise length of metre gauge and narrow gauge railway line (route kilometres) in the country as on 31.03.2006 (latest available) are given below:

S.No. Name of State Route kilometres
Metre Gauge Narrow Gauge

1.	Andhra Pradesh	329	Nil
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	Nil
3.	Assam	1057	Nil
4.	Bihar	1099	Nil
5.	Chhattisgarh	Nil	89
6.	Delhi	22	Nil
7.	Gujarat	1475	787
8.	Haryana	316	3
9.	Himachal Pradesh	Nil	246
10.	Karnataka	398	Nil
11.	Kerala	117	Nil
12.	Madhya Pradesh	500	708
13.	Maharashtra	429	733
14.	Manipur	1	Nil
15.	Mizoram	2	Nil
16.	Nagaland	2	Nil
17.	Orissa	Nil	37
18.	Punjab	Nil	12
19.	Rajasthan	2201	87
20.	Tamil Nadu	1813	Nil
21.	Tripura	64	Nil
22.	Uttar Pradesh	1708	2
23.	Uttaranchal	61	Nil
24.	West Bengal	239	220
	TOTAL:	11834	2924

Note: The remaining States have no metre/narrow gauge rail lines

Railway Zone Route kilometres
 Metre Gauge Narrow Gauge

Central Nil 573
 Eastern Nil 133
 East Central 722 Nil
 East Coast Nil Nil
 Northern 88 261
 North Central 46 288
 North Eastern 1854 Nil
 Northeast Frontier 1612 87
 North Western 2510 Nil
 Southern 1929 Nil
 South Central 829 Nil
 South Eastern Nil 37
 Southeast Central Nil 758
 South Western 398 Nil
 Western 1846 787
 West Central Nil Nil
 Total 11834 2924

(b) The length of Railway lines converted in last three years, State-wise and zone-wise is given in Appendix-I.

(c) The funds spent by Railways during the last three years, zone-wise is given in Appendix-II. The State-wise expenditure figures are not maintained.

(d) The works are being progressed as per availability of resources.

(e) A number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources to expedite completion of ongoing projects.

APPENDIX-I

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.269 BY SHRI M. APPADURAI, SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN, SHRI JOACHIM BAXLA AND SHRI JASUBHAI DHANABHAI BARAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.11.2006 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION.

State-wise and Railway-wise breakup of gauge conversion (MG/NG to BG) completed in last three years

S.No. Name of State 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06

1. Andhra Pradesh 30 163 14
 2. Assam & NE States Nil Nil 61
 3. Bihar Nil Nil 85
 4. Delhi Nil Nil 25
 5. Gujarat 152 92 248
 6. Haryana Nil Nil 58
 7. Jharkhand Nil 67 Nil
 8. Karnataka 57 45 44
 9. Madhya Pradesh Nil 28 Nil
 10. Maharashtra Nil 20 Nil
 11. Orissa Nil 52 Nil
 12. Rajasthan 241 131 Nil
 13. Tamil Nadu 176 48 86
 14. Uttar Pradesh Nil 30 137
 15. West Bengal 198 42 47
 TOTAL: 854 779 744

Railway

1. Central Nil Nil Nil
 2. Eastern Nil Nil Nil
 3. East Central Nil 52 51
 4. East Coast Nil Nil Nil
 5. Northern Nil Nil 83
 6. North Central Nil Nil Nil
 7. North Eastern Nil Nil 165
 8. Northeast Frontier 198 61 53
 9. North Western 241 161 Nil
 10. Southern 176 48 86
 11. South Central 30 163 14

12. South Eastern Nil 109 Nil
 13 South East Central Nil 48 Nil
 14. South Western 57 45 44
 15 Western 152 92 248
 16 West Central Nil Nil Nil
 Total 854 779 744

APPENDIX-II

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.269 BY SHRI M. APPADURAI, SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN, SHRI JOACHIM BAXLA AND SHRI JASUBHAI DHANABHAI BARAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.11.2006 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION.

Railway-wise fund allotted and expenditure incurred on Gauge Conversion during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06

(Rupees in crores)

Railway	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	
	Revised Estimates (Gross)	Exp. (Gross)	Revised Estimates (Gross)	Exp. (Gross)	Revised Estimates (Gross)	Exp. (Gross)
Central	18.75	21.64	25.00	28.46	35.00	36.89
Eastern						
East Central	28.78	38.77	57.12	72.15	95.01	99.47
East Coast	12.00	12.38	13.00	12.82	9.00	7.42
Northern	(-)0.93					
North Central		0.01	0.01			
North Eastern	61.23	68.61	64.00	93.06	133.47	133.09
Northeast Frontier	268.69	334.34	199.00	254.44	360.27	347.49
North Western	106.53	113.69	145.00	154.04	111.59	116.82
Southern	140.52	175.61	154.69	142.74	171.81	208.46
South Central	131.18	133.46	160.00	166.82	214.08	219.13
South Eastern	53.11	45.20	78.04	83.22	51.00	51.63
South East Central	34.69	36.31	38.07	38.28	23.80	20.73
South Western	66.01	73.27	56.79	57.13	34.11	36.73
Western	171.93	165.21	126.52	80.06	43.52	45.74
West Central	1.00					
Total Gross	1094.42	1217.56	1117.24	1183.22	1282.67	1323.60