

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2395  
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GAUGE CONVERSION IN MAHARASHTRA  
Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

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

- (a) whether any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for conversion of Metre/Narrow gauge railway lines is pending with the Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Railways thereon;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to undertake above mentioned projects through private funding; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work on these projects is likely to be started ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): There have been demands for taking up gauge conversion of Metre/narrow gauge lines in Maharashtra which include Achalpur-Murtijapur-Yavatmal, Pulgaon-Arvi and Akola-Khandwa. Surveys had been completed for conversion of these lines. However, these have not been taken up so far.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.