

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1434  
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GAUGE CONVERSION  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a proposal for conversion of meter-gauge line from Chhindwara to Siwan and Siwan to Nainpur into broad gauge;
- (b) if so, the expenditure likely to be incurred on the said plan; and
- (c) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be approved?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): An updating survey for conversion of Nainpur–Chhindwara (via Seoni) (140 Kms) meter gauge line into broad gauge has been included in the Budget 2007–08. No timeframe for approval of the proposal is feasible to be given. The proposal would be further processed based on the results of the survey.