

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:254

ANSWERED ON:30.08.2007

GAUGE CONVERSION

Gadhavi Shri Pushpdan Shambhudan;Rana Shri Kashi Ram

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total track in kilometres proposed for Gauge Conversion in each Zone during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) the total quantum of funds required for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 254 BY S/SHRI P.S. GADHAVI AND KASHIRAM RANA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.08.2007 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION

(a) & (b): The 11th Five Year Plan has not yet been finalized, as such details are not feasible to be given at this stage. However, as mentioned in Budget Speech 2007-08, efforts would be made to convert the majority of the Metre Gauge lines to Broad Gauge during the 11th Five Year Plan. There are 55 ongoing gauge conversion projects which require about Rs.11,500 crore (as on 1.4.2007) for completion. These projects on completion would add about 7500 kms of broad gauge lines.