

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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WORK OF ALIPURDUAR JUNCTION TO BAMANHAT RAILWAY STATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the work of the colonial route from Alipurduar Junction to Bamanhat Railway Station is progressing at a snail speed;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the projected cost of this project and the time by which it is likely to be completed ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Gauge Conversion of Alipurduar Junction-Bamanhat is a part of New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon including linked branch lines (419.48 kms). The anticipated cost of the project is Rs.800 crore. An expenditure of Rs.596.49 crore has already been incurred on the project upto 31.03.2004. New Jalpaiguri-Samukhtala Road has already been commissioned and section from Samukhtala Road to New Bongaigaon is targeted for completion during 2004-05. The earthwork and bridges on Alipurduar-Bamanhat are also under progress and the section would be completed in the coming years as per the availability of resources. No target date has yet been fixed for this section.