

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:191

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SURVEY FOR GAUGE CONVERSION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have prescribed some norms for approving the gauge conversion work after the completion of its survey works;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of railway lines for which proposals have been included in the rail budget for the year 2008-09 to get the survey of gauge conversion conducted;
- (d) the number of surveys completed so far; and
- (e) the time frame fixed for completing the survey works?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.191 BY S/SHRI V.K. THUMMAR AND JIVABHAI AMBALAL PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2008 REGARDING SURVEY FOR GAUGE CONVERSION.

(a) & (b): Project Uni-gauge was taken up on 01.04.1992 and the policy adopted for taking up gauge conversion to carry out the conversion of lines at least cost yet providing a standard of service not lower than what the rail users were getting on the Metre Gauge covering the following areas:

- (i) To take up conversion of lines to develop alternative broad gauge (BG) routes obviating the need for doubling existing BG lines on these routes,
- (ii) To establish new BG links between stations connected by other BG lines,
- (iii) To establish BG connection to ports, industrial centres and locations having potential for growth.
- (iv) To take up conversion of lines required on strategic considerations,
- (v) To minimize transshipment and to improve wagon turn around by avoiding delays at transshipment points.

(c) to (e); Details of railway lines for which surveys for gauge conversion have been included in the Railway Budget 2008-09 and the targets of completion are as follows:-

(i) Billimora-Waghai gauge conversion with 30.06.2010
new line upto Manmad (135 Km)

(ii) Pratapnagar-Jambusar-Kavi (75 Km) 31.03.2009

(iii) Jhaghadia-Netrang gauge conversion with 31.03.2011
new line upto Nandurbar (135 Km)

(iv) Mavli-Bari Sadri gauge conversion (82 Km) 31.03.2009

(v) New Mal-Maynaguri Road gauge conversion 30.09.2009
(60 Km)