

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:815  
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2009  
CONVERSION OF NAUPADA GUNUPUR RAILWAY LINE  
Gamang Shri Giridhar

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

- (a) the total funds allocated for gauge conversion of Naupada to Gunupur railway line during last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the gauge conversion work on Naupada to Gunupur has been started;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure incurred on the said project so far; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways to link Gunupur railway station with Therubali railway station with broad gauge line?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 815 BY SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.02.2009 REGARDING CONVERSION OF NAUPADA- GUNUPUR RAILWAY LINE.

(a): The expenditures incurred on Naupada-Gunupur gauge conversion project during the years 2005-06,2006-07,2007-08 and during the current year are Rs.7.42 crore, Rs. 26.04 crore, Rs.51.22 crore and Rs.12.09 crore (provisional) respectively. Budget outlay provided for the project during the year 2008-09 is Rs. 37.54 crore as per the Revised Estimates.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Earthwork, bridgework, ballasting and track-linking are in progress. Up-to-date physical progress of the work is 80.83%. Total expenditure incurred on this project so far is approximately Rs. 125.24 crore (provisional).

(d): As per bankability study conducted for extension of Naupada-Gunupur line up to Theruvalli, the proposed extension has been found non-bankable.