

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:490
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2005
GAUGE CONVERSION
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of railway track, in kilometres, converted from meter gauge to broad gauge during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the target fixed for gauge conversion under the Tenth Plan;
- (c) the extent to which this target has been achieved till date; and
- (d) the funds allocated by the Union Government for this purpose?

Answer

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

- (a): The details are given in the attached statement.
- (b): A target of 2,365 Kms was fixed for the 10th Plan which has been revised to 4,000 Kms in mid-term appraisal.
- (c): During the 10th Plan, 2159 Kms of gauge conversion has so far been completed upto 28.02.2005.
- (d): The funds to be tune of Rs.1067.24 Crore have been provided in Revised Budget 2004-05 & an outlay of Rs.690 crore is proposed in 2005-06.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 490 BY SHRI JASHUBHAI DHANABHAI BARAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03-03-3005 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION

(a) : Year-wise gauge conversion done during the last three years State-wise is as follows:

	2001-02 (Kms)	2002-03 (Kms)	2003-04 (Kms)	
Andhra Pradesh		29	166	30
Assam	46	-	-	
Gujarat	61	367	152	
Karnataka	1	25		57
Uttar Pradesh		24	-	-
Maharashtra	50	42	-	
Rajasthan	-	150	241	
Tamil Nadu	-	80		176
West Bengal	-			-
				198
Total:	211	830	854	