

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION BETWEEN MUDKHED KINWAT AND PURNIA AKOLA RAIL ROUTES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to funds constraints gauge conversion between Mudkhed-Kinwat and Purnia-Akola rail route under Nanded railway division has been delayed;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide adequate funds for the project; and

(c) the time by which gauge conversion is likely to be completed and trains introduced on this route?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Gauge conversion of Mudkhed-Adilabad via Kinwat (162 kms) and Purna-Akola (210 kms.) sections are ongoing works which are in progress. Adilabad-Kinwat section (45 kms) has been completed and commissioned for passenger traffic during the current year. Work on rest of the section is in progress. On Purna-Akola section, earthwork and bridge works are in progress. Outlays of Rs.30.00 crore and Rs.25.00 crore respectively have been proposed for the works in Budget 2005-06. Target date for completion of the works has not yet been fixed.