

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3434  
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GAUGE CONVERSION  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the gauge conversion works suspended on account on non-payment of their share in the project by respective State Governments, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the progress of gauge conversion work of Bijapur-Gadag in Karnataka, which is being funded by State Government of Karnataka;
- (c) if so, whether despite release of Rs.30 crores by Karnataka for Bijapur-Gadag conversion still the work is not restarted; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the work in this line is restarted?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : No gauge conversion project has been suspended on account of non-payment of share in the project by respective State Governments. However, the progress of projects depend upon the availability of the funds and accordingly, the projects are being progressed.
- (b) : On Solapur-Gadag gauge conversion project, Solapur-Hotgi-Bijapur has already been completed. The conversion of Bijapur-Basavana Bagewadi is targeted for completion during 2004-05. The work is also in progress in the balance section as per the availability of resources.
- (c) & (d): Do not arise.