

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:108
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GAUGE CONVERSION IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work on the ongoing gauge conversion projects in Tamil Nadu including Karur and Salem sections has been delayed;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the funds allocated and actually spent on those projects during the last three years;and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways to complete the work within the time frame?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a) & (b): There is huge throwforward of ongoing projects with limited availability of resources. In view of this, works are being progressed as per the resource availability.However,the gauge conversion projects are likely to be completed in a period of about 5 years.The time frame for completion of Karur-Salem new line has not been fixed.
- (c): A statement is attached.
- (d): Continuous monitoring and pursuing with the concerned authorities are made for early completion of the projects.