

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the gauge conversion work in Tamil Nadu including Mayiladuthurai-Villupuram is not yet completed;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this project has incurred huge time and cost overrun and missed several targeted dates of completion;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which said projects are likely to be completed ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Gauge conversion of all existing metre gauge lines have been taken up except Mettupalayam- Udagamandalam metre gauge line (45 Km) which has been declared a Heritage line. Thus, total metre gauge line to be converted is 672.29 Km where gauge conversion works are progressing and would be completed as per availability of resources.

Gauge conversion of Mayiladuthurai-Villupuram rail line (122 Km) has been completed and the section opened for goods traffic on 31.12.2009.