

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2422
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2010
GAUGE CONVERSION IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of gauge conversion work undertaken in West Bengal during the last three years;
- (b) the number of metre gauge railway lines in West Bengal, location-wise as on date;
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to convert the said metre gauge lines into broad gauge; and
- (d) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2422 BY SHRIMATI DEEPA DASMUNSI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.03.2010 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION IN WEST BENGAL.

(a): Details of new Gauge Conversion works falling partly/fully in West Bengal undertaken during the last three years are as under:-

- (1) Alubari Road-Siliguri
- (2) Burdwan-Katwa

The Gauge Conversion of New Alipurduar-Bamanhat and Sonamakhi-Rainagar were completed during the said period.

(b) to (d): The details of metre gauge railway lines falling partly/fully in West Bengal as on date are as under:-

- (1) Alubari Road-Siliguri
- (2) New Mal-Domohini - Changrabandha

Alubari-Siliguri is targeted for completion during 2010-11. New Mal-Changrabandha is expected to be completed in about 2 years time.