

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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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 gauge conversion work of Nagapattinam-Velankanni (14 kms) in Tamil Nadu has not yet completed;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the amount allocated for this project; and
- (c) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Nagapattinam-Velankanni new line work is a part of Tiruchchirappalli-Nagore- Karaikal with extension of Nagapattinam-Velankanni-Tiruturaipundi gauge conversion project. On this new line work, track linking has already been completed and engine rolling done. This new line will be commissioned in next 2-3 months after completion of residual works and authorisation of Comissioner of Railway Safety.

An outlay of Rs.35 crore has been proposed for the project during 2010-11.