

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5635
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2010
UNIGAUGE PROJECTS
Mahendrasinh Shri Chauhan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise action plan formulated by the Railways for unigauge project;
- (b) whether the Railways are contemplating levying passenger cess for mobilizing financial resources for these projects;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Railways in this regard?

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. 5635 BY DR. MAHENDRASINH P. CHAUHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.04.2010 REGARDING UNIGAUGE PROJECTS.

(a): Since 1992, gauge conversion of 16,917 Km has been done. As on 01.04.2010, there are about 9,500 Km of Meter / Narrow Gauge lines, out of which works are in progress for about 5,500 Km. Further, gauge conversion of 450 Km of Narrow Gauge lines has been proposed in the Railway Budget 2010-11.

Indian Railways Vision 2020 entails conversion of all Meter Gauge / Narrow Gauge lines to Broad Gauge except heritage lines. This would, however, depend upon availability of resources.

(b): No, Madam.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.