

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1436
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GAUGE CONVERSION WORK IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have announced the gauge conversion project of Mayiladuthurai-Thiruvarur-Thiruthurai-Muthupettai-Karikudi in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the amount allocated for this project till now;
- (c) whether due to insufficient allocation of funds by the Railways this project is going at very slow pace;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Railways are considering to allocate sufficient funds for early completion of this project; and
- (f) if so, the time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): An expenditure of Rs. 43.36 crore has been incurred on this project upto March, 2010.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e) & (f): Outlay provided for this project for the year 2010-11 is Rs. 60 crore which is considered sufficient to progress the works planned during the year. During 2010-11, Mayiladuthurai-Tiruvarur (38 km) is expected to be completed. Works on balance section would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.