

**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) the details and status of meter gauge service between Punalur, Kerala and Chenkotta, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether the said gauge conversion work is running as per schedule;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Railways to complete the said work as per schedule?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Traffic on Sengottai-Punalur (49 Km) has been suspended for gauge conversion of the section and this work has commenced. The section has difficult terrain requiring special track design and construction of 5 tunnels. This work is expected to be completed in next 2 to 3 years subject to availability of resources.