

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3628
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2009
GAUGE CONVERSION OF NAUPADA-GUNUPUR RAIL LINE
Pradhan Shri Amarnath

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds allocated for gauge conversion of Naupada- Gunupur and Baripada-Bangiriposi railway line during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the gauge conversion work on these lines has been completed;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure incurred on these projects so far; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways to link Gunupur railway station to Therubali railway station and Bangiriposi to Gorumhisani railway station with broad gauge?

Answer

MINISTER OF 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.3628 BY SHRI AMARNATH PRADHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30-07-2009 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION OF NAUPADA-GUNUPUR RAIL LINE.

(a): The total funds allocated for gauge conversion of Naupada-Gunupur and Rupsa- Bangriposi during the last three years and current year are Rs.83.41 crore and Rs.112.23 crore respectively.

(b) & (c) : The gauge conversion of Naupada-Parlakimidi (39 km.) of Naupada- Gunupur (90 km.) and Rupsa-Bhanjpur (56 km.) of Rupsa-Bangriposi has been completed. An expenditure of Rs.149.08 crore has been incurred on Naupada-Gunupur gauge conversion and Rs.114.42 crore on Rupsa-Bangriposi gauge conversion upto 31.3.2009. The balance portions of these two projects are planned for completion in 2009-10.

(d): Updating survey for extension of Naupada-Gunupur line upto Theruvali (76 km.) has been taken up. The survey for extension of Rupsa-Bangriposi upto Gorumhisani (42 km.) has been completed.