

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1340  
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GAUGE CONVERSION  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of gauge conversion works being carried out in Odisha;
- (b) the total length of the metre gauge rail-lines in Odisha, location-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to convert said metre gauge rail lines into broad gauge;and
- (d) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): There is only one MG (Metre Gauge) section in Odisha viz. Naupada-Gunupur (90 km). Gauge Conversion of this section to BG (Broad Gauge) is a sanctioned work. In this section, Naupada-Parilakhimindi (40 km) has been commissioned, while the work on Parilakhimindi-Gunupur has also been completed. Section will be commissioned after clearance from Commissioner of Railway Safety.