

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2403
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2011
GAUGE CONVERSION
Singh Shri Brij Bhushan Sharan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of gauge conversion work on Gonda to Gorakhpur via Anand Nagar Nautanva and Gonda to Lucknow via Bahraich and Sitapur line;
- (b) the funds allocated and spent thereon so far;
- (c) the reasons for delay in this project; and
- (d) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2403 BY SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.03.2011 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION:

(a) to (c): The present status of gauge conversion of Gonda- Gorakhpur via Anand nagar Nautanwa and Gonda- Lucknow via Bahraich and Sitapur projects are as under:

(i) Gonda- Gorakhpur via Anand Nagar, Nautanwa: Gorakhpur- Anandnagar-Nautanwa section (81 km) has already been completed and commissioned. Conversion work in Anandnagar-Naurgarh-Barhni-Gonda (180 km) is in different stages of progress. 70 km of this section i.e. Anandnagar-Naurgarh-Barhni section has been planned to be completed by March' 2012. An expenditure of Rs. 287.38 crore has been incurred upto March' 2010.

(ii) Gonda-Lucknow via Bahraich and Sitapur (479.90 km): A survey for gauge conversion of Gonda-Bahraich-Mailani-Sitapur-Lucknow (479.90 km) including Nanpara Nepalganj was completed in 1998-99. On this surveyed route, gauge conversion of Gonda-Bahraich section (60 km) has been taken up where earthwork, minor bridge work ballasting etc. are in different stages of progress. An expenditure of ` 18.24 crore has been incurred upto March' 2010.

(d): The time period of completion will be depend upon availability of resources.