

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2413  
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2011  
GAUGE CONVERSION  
Mandal Shri Mangani Lal

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of gauge conversion work on Sakri-Jhanjharpur- Nirmali and Jhanjharpur-Laukaha including construction of bridges, elevation of lines and modernisation/upgradation of stations;
- (b) whether the Khutauna stations is slated to be converted into a halt station thereafter despite being commercially important station; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): Sakri-Jhanjharpur-Nirmali is part of Sakri-Nirmali-Jhanjharpur-Laukaha Bazar (94 Km.) and Saharsa-Forbesganj (110.74Km.) Gauge Conversion project. In this project earthwork, bridges and miscellaneous works are in progress. Sakri-Nirmali (51 Km.) section of the project is expected to be completed in 2011-12.

(b) & (c): No, Madam. The station will continue as crossing station.