

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2503
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2011
GAUGE CONVERSION/EXPRESS TRAINS IN TAMIL NADU
Vijayan Shri A.K.S.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of gauge conversion work on Nagapattinam- Velankanni-Ettukudi-Thiruthuraipundi and Nagapattinam-Thiruvarur- Tanjavur-Tiruchirappali lines in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the reasons for delay in making these lines operational;
- (c) the time by which these lines are likely to be made operational;
- (d) whether the Railways also propose to introduce express trains from Nagore to Mysore, Chennai, Kollam, Goa and Mumbai; and
- (e) if so, the time by which these trains are likely to be introduced?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2503 BY SHRI A.K.S. VIJAYAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.03.2011 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION/EXPRESS TRAINS IN TAMIL NADU.

(a) to (c): Section-wise position is given as under:-

- i. Nagapattinam-Velankanni new line has already been commissioned.
- ii. Nagapattinam-Thiruthuraipundi new line- Land related papers have been submitted to the State Government. Meanwhile, bridge works have been taken up in the stretches where land is available. No target date for completion of this work is fixed.
- iii. Nagapattinam-Thanjavur-Tiruvarur-Tiruchirappalli gauge conversion has already been completed and the converted broad gauge line commissioned.

(d): At present, there is no such proposal.

(e): Does not arise.