

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:72

ANSWERED ON:04.08.2011

DELAYS IN GAUGE CONVERSION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work relating to gauge conversion and laying of new railway lines across the country is lagging behind its schedule;
- (b) if so, the details of such works which are lagging behind schedule by three years or more, State/Zone-wise; and
- (c) the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken for timely completion of these works?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 72 BY SHRI VITTHALBHAI HANSRAJBHAI RADADIYA AND DR. MAHENDRASINH P. CHAUHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.08.2011 REGARDING DELAYS IN GAUGE CONVERSION.

(a) to (c): As on 01.04.2011, Indian Railways are executing 129 new line (Total length-14092 Km) and 45 gauge conversion projects (Total length-10543 Km). Railways have huge throwforward of ongoing projects with limited availability of resources. As a result projects are progressing as per availability of resources. Targets are fixed every year based on the progress of project, their relative priority and availability of funds.

During 2011-12, as of now, projects are progressing as planned. However, Gauge Conversion projects are experiencing resource constraints. Railways will strive to provide funds with the available Gross Budgetary Support and Tax-Free Bonds.