

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:714  
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2011  
GAUGE CONVERSION  
Mandal Shri Mangani Lal

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

- (a) the present status of work of gauge conversion from Sakri to Jhanjharpur and Jhanjharpur to Nirmali and Jhanjharpur to Laukaha under East Central Railway Hajipur;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilised on these projects so far, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is also proposed to elevate the tracks and stations and also modernise stations along these routes;
- (d) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (e) whether it is a fact that Passenger Reservation System (PRS) facilities not working properly at Nirmali, Ghohardhiha and Jhanjharpur; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken to address this problem?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 714 BY MANGANI LAL MANDAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.08.2011 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION.

(a): Earthwork and work on minor/major bridges between Sakri-Nirmali-Jhanjharpur is in progress. The work of important bridge over River Kamala Balan has also been taken up.

(b): Funds allotted - Rs. 170.30 cr. (deposit)

Funds utilized during 10-11 - Rs. 38.78 cr.

Funds utilized during 11-12 - Rs. 23.87 cr.

Total - Rs.62.65 cr.

(c) & (d): yes, Madam. Track & Stations are being modernised & upgraded. Track structure has provision of 1660 sleepers per Km. and 250mm ballast cushion and signalling will be colour light signalling.

(e): Nirmali, Ghohardhiha and Jhanjharpur PRS locations are situated in an area where electricity supply and link connectivity is very poor. Thus, sometimes, the services are affected.

(f): Generator and solar panel has been installed to improve power supply. Also, for link problem, close coordination is kept with BSNL authorities.