

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5801
ANSWERED ON:08.09.2011
GAUGE CONVERSION
Patle Kamla Devi

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new railway lines and gauge conversion works under execution in the State of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the details of proposals for new lines and gauge conversion from Chhattisgarh approved/pending/under consideration of Railways;
- (c) the names of States in which various railway projects are under execution with the financial assistance of the concerned State;
- (d) whether the Railways have received any such proposal of cost sharing for the projects in the States particularly for gauge conversion of Raipur-Dhantari line; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

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 House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5801 BY SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PATLE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.09.2011 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION

(a): The following new lines and gauge conversion projects are under execution in the state of Chhattisgarh:

- (i) Dallirajhara-Jagdarpur (235 km) new railway line project.
- (ii) Mandir Hasaud – New Raipur (20 km) new railway line project.
- (iii) Gauge Conversion between Raipur (Kendri)-Dhamtari including Abhanpur- Rajim branch line (67.2 km).

(b): The survey reports for the following new line proposals, falling fully/ partly in the state of Chhattisgarh are presently under examination in the Ministry:

- (i) Pendra Road–Gevra Road (121.70 km).
- (ii) Korba-Lohardaga (326 km).
- (iii) Raipur-Jharsuguda (310 km).
- (iv) Raigarh-Mand (63 km).

Surveys for new line between Dongargarh-Kota, Dhamtari-Kanker and Providing connectivity for Dondi-Lohara Block HQ with Railway line are under progress. Further course of action would be decided once the survey reports are examined in the Ministry.

(c): 31 projects of New Line / Gauge Conversion / Doubling are being executed on cost sharing basis with State Governments in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. State Government of Chhattisgarh has agreed to bear 2/3rd of the total cost of the project of Gauge Conversion between Raipur (Kendri) to Dhamtari including Abhanpur-Rajim branch line (67.20 km). This project has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 283.85 crore and included in Railway Budget 2011-12.