

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5764
ANSWERED ON:08.09.2011
BALAGHAT JABALPUR RAILWAY LINE
Deshmukh Shri K. D.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of gauge conversion work on Balaghat-Nainpur-Jabalpur line;
- (b) the reasons for delay, if any, in this regard;
- (c) the funds allocated/spent thereon so far; and
- (d) the time frame set for completion of work on the said line?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5764 BY SHRI K.D. DESHMUKH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.09.2011 REGARDING BALAGHAT-JABALPUR RAILWAY LINE

(a)&(b): The gauge conversion work on Balaghat-Nainpur-Jabalpur line is a part of the sanctioned gauge conversion project of Gondia-Jabalpur (including Balaghat-Katanggi branch line). The sections from Gondia to Balaghat and Balaghat to Katangi have been completed and commissioned. Overall physical progress of the work is 63%. The forest land in Balaghat and Seoni districts has not yet been handed over. Matter is being pursued with Ministry of Environment and Forest.

(c): The sanctioned cost for Gondia-Jabalpur (including Balaghat-Katanggi branch line) gauge conversion project is Rs. 1037.90 crore. An outlay of Rs. 100 crore has been provided in the Budget 2011-12 and an expenditure of Rs. 520.42 crore has been incurred on the project upto March 2011.

(d): The work is targeted for completion within 3 years after possession of required land is handed over to Railways.