

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION IN BIKANER
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the gauge conversion work in Bikaner Rail division is likely to be completed by January 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the said gauge conversion work is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): The gauge conversion of Suratpura-Sriganganagar was included in Railway Budget 2008-09 and is in initial stages. Further, the gauge conversion of Sadulpur-Ratangarh-Bikaner and Sarupsar-Sriganganagar is being progressed as per availability of resources. The gauge conversion of these sections may take about 4-5 years for completion.