

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1666
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PUNALUR-CHENKOTTA LINE
Dhanaplan Shri K. P.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have stopped service on metre gauge line between Punalur, Kerala and Chenkotta, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether said line is proposed to be converted into broad-gauge;
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed;
- (d) whether any alternative line has been planned during the period of such work; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Yes, Madam.
- (c) Gauge conversion of Punalur-Sengottai metre gauge line is expected to be completed by March, 2015.
- (d) No, Madam.
- (e) Does not arise.