

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION NEW LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of gauge conversion work on Ratlam-Mahu route and the work on laying of railway line on Indore-Dahod route;
- (b) the details of funds allocated/spent thereon so far;
- (c) the time frame set for completion of work on the said projects; and
- (d) the steps being taken for timely completion of work thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Gauge conversion of Ratlam-Mhow section (159.45 km) is a part of Ratlam-Mhow-Khandwa-Akola (472.60 km) gauge conversion project. Estimate of Ratlam-Mhow (159.45 km) has been sanctioned where earthwork, bridges and track linking have been taken up. Ratlam-Fetehabad section (80 km) is planned to be completed by March, 2013. An expenditure of rs 37.74 crore has already been incurred upto March, 2011 for the entire project. An outlay of ` 71.79 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2011-12.

Further, construction of new line from Dahod-Indore via Sardarpur, Dhar (200.97 km) section has also been taken up. Part detailed estimate for Dahod-Katwara & Sagor-Indore (49.72 km) has been sanctioned. Earthwork and bridges work has been taken up in this section. An expenditure of rs 75.19 crore has been incurred upto March, 2011 and an outlay for rs 19.63 crore has been provided for this project for the year 2011-12. Both the projects are progressing as per availability of resources.