

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3617  
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2012  
GAUGE CONVERSION ON LUMDING AND PALAKKAD SECTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details and present status of gauge conversion work on Lumding-Silchar and Palakkad-Palani sections;
- (b) the reasons for delay in completion of work on the said projects;
- (c) the details of funds allocated/spent thereon, project-wise; and
- (d) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF 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.3617 BY SHRI RAMEN DEKA AND SHRI N.PEETHAMBARA KURUP TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.04.2012 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION ON LUMDING AND PALAKKAD SECTIONS

(a) to (d): Details of Lumding-Silchar and Palakkad -Palani gauge conversion projects, expenditure incurred, outlay proposed in 2012-13 along with their status are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

| S.No. | Name of the project | Anticipated Expenditure during 2012-13 upto March, 2012 | Outlay proposed | Status |
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| 1 | Lumding-Silchar including alignment between Migrendisa-Ditokcherra and extension from Badarpur to Baraigram | 3141.68 | 400.00 | The project has been declared as 'National Project'. Progress of work affected due to law order issues. Earthwork, progress. Target of bridge works and tunneling are in completion is December, 2013. |
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| 2 | Palakkad (Palghat)- Palani | 555.12 | 63.00 | Gauge conversion of Palghat-Pollachi-Palani (121 km) is a part of Dindigul-Pollachi-Palghat and Pollachi-Coimbatore project. Work on Pollachi-Palani (63 km) has been completed and Pollachi-Palghat (58 km) is targeted for completion during 2012-13. |
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