

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1103

ANSWERED ON:16.08.2012

GAUGE CONVERSION IN THE COUNTRY

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details and the present status of ongoing/pending gauge conversion works in the country, State/zone-wise, Section-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated/spent thereon, zone/section-wise;
- (c) the extent of escalation of cost of the said projects; and
- (d) the time frame set for the completion of the said projects and the steps being taken by the Railways in this regard?

**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. 1103 BY SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE, SHRI GOPINATH MUNDE, SHRI SUBHASH BAPURAO WANKHEDE, SHRI O.S. MANIAN AND SHRI ANJAN KUMAR M. YADAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.08.2012 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION IN THE COUNTRY.

(a) & (b): Zone-wise details of ongoing Gauge Conversion projects as on 01.04.2012 is given in Appendix.

(c): Railways has huge throwforward of ongoing projects with limited availability of resources as a result funds are thinly spread prolonging period of completion. Extended period of completion results in cost escalation due to inflation. Cost of projects also increases due to change in standard of construction. Against the sanctioned cost of Rs. 16,095 Crore of all 42 ongoing Gauge Conversion projects, latest anticipated cost is Rs. 35,051 Crore.

(d): The targets for completion of projects are generally fixed every year based upon the progress of the projects, their relative priority and availability of resources.

A number of steps have been taken to generate extra-budgetary resources through Public Private Partnership, additional funds for National Projects, participation by State Government and beneficiaries and implementation of projects by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited to expedite the completion of ongoing works.