

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:165
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2012
GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the present status of gauge conversion works on Dindigul-Palani, Palani-Pollachi and Pollachi-Podanur under Southern Railway;
- (b) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to complete the said projects within that time limit; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated/spent thereon so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(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. 165 BY SHRI P.R. NATARAJAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.11.2012 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECTS.

(a) to (c): Works on gauge conversion of Dindigul-Palani (58 Km) and Palani-Pollachi (63 Km) sections have already been completed and the converted sections are planned for commissioning by 31.3.2013. On Pollachi-Podanur (40 Km) section, work on Pollachi-Kinattukkadavu (21 Km) is targeted for completion by 31.3.2013. For Kinattukkadavu-Podanur (19 Km) section, land acquisition documents have been submitted with the Government of Tamil Nadu.

(d): An expenditure of Rs. 502.08 crore has already been incurred on Dindigul-Pollachi-Palghat&Pollachi-Coimbatore gauge conversion project. An outlay of Rs. 70 crore has been provided for this project during 2012-13.