

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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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 projects on Balaghat-Jabalpur, Palakkad-Pollachi and Gonda-Bahraich routes;
- (b) the details of reasons for inordinate delay in completion of these projects, project-wise;
- (c) the details of funds allocated/spent thereon, project-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to expedite the completion of these projects in a time bound manner?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Balaghat-Jabalpur: Balaghat-Jabalpur is part of Jabalpur- Gondia Gauge conversion project. On this project, Balaghat-Katangi(46.80 Km) and Gondia- Balaaghat (42 Kms) have been completed. Further project is delayed due to non- availability of forestry clearance. Expenditure amounting to Rs. 598.86 crore has been incurred up to March 2012 and an out lay of Rs. 30 crore has been provided during 2012-13.

Palakkad-Pollachi: Palakkad- Pollachi is part of Dindigul- Pollachi Gauge Conversion Project. On this project, Palakkad- Pollachi section is targeted for completion in 2012-13. Expenditure amounting to Rs. 502.08 crore has been incurred up to March 2012 and an out lay of Rs. 70 crore has been provided during 2012-13.

Gonda-Baharaich : 15% of the work has been completed. Expenditure amounting to Rs. 35.06 crore has been incurred up to March 2012 and an outlay of Rs. 10 crore has been provided during 2012-13.

Projects are progressing as per availability of resources. Steps have been taken up to generate funds through extra budgetary resources, such as participation from state Govts, beneficiary, industries, revival of Capital Fund and execution of bankable projects through RVNL.