

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1104  
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2012  
GAUGE CONVERSION IN MAHARASHTRA  
Ganpatrao Shri Jadhav Prataprao

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

- (a) the details and the present status of ongoing/pending gauge conversion projects in Maharashtra;
- (b) the total length of metre gauge lines in Maharashtra; route-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways for timely completion of the said pending projects and for conversion of the remaining metre gauge lines along with the time frame set therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1104 BY shri PRATAPRAO GANPATRAO JADHAO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.11.2012 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION IN MAHARASHTRA

(a): There is no pending gauge conversion project in Maharashtra. The details and present status of ongoing gauge conversion projects in the State alongwith their present status are as under:-

S. Name of the Status  
No. Project

1. Chhindwara-Nagpur Earthwork, bridge work, etc. taken up.  
(149.52 km)

2. Jabalpur-Gondia Balaghat-Katanggi (46.80 km) and Gondia-Balaghat  
(including (42 km) including MOIL siding (49 km) completed  
Balaghat-Katanggi) and commissioned. Work in balance section  
(285 km) taken up. Work is adversely affected due to  
delay in environmental and forest clearances.

3. Ratlam-Mhow-Khandwa Land acquisition, earthwork and bridge work  
-Akola (472.64 km) taken up in Ratlam-Khandwa section.  
Akola-Khandwa held up for forestry clearance.

(b): Total length of metre gauge lines in Maharashtra is 104 kms.

(c): Issues for early forestry clearance is taken up with Ministry of Environment & Forests. Works are progressing as per availability of resources. To expedite completion of ongoing projects, efforts are made to generate extra budgetary financing through State participation, defence funding, declaring some projects as National Projects, revival of Capital Fund and implementation of bankable projects through Rail Vikas Nigam Limited.