

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1291  
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2009  
SURVEY FOR GAUGE CONVERSION  
Bairwa Shri Khiladi Lal

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

- (a) the number of rail lines included in the Rail Budget 2009-10 for conducting survey for gauge conversion;
- (b) the details of norms prescribed for approval of said gauge conversion works after completion of survey; and
- (c) the time schedule fixed for completion of said gauge conversion works?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1291 BY SHRI KHILADI LAL BAIRWA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.11.2009 REGARDING SURVEY FOR GAUGE CONVERSION

(a): There are three surveys for gauge conversion included in the Railway Budget 2009-10.

(b): The criteria prescribed under 'project unigauge' for taking up gauge conversion works is:-

# To take up conversion of lines to develop alternative BG routes obviating the need for doubling existing BG lines on these routes.

# To establish new BG links between stations connected by other BG lines.

# To establish BG connection to ports, industrial centers and locations having potential for growth.

# To take up conversion of lines required on strategic considerations.

# To minimize transshipment and to improve wagon turn around by avoiding delays at transshipment points.

(c): Does not arise as the works are not sanctioned.