

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1310
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2009
GAUGE CONVERSION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of metre gauge railway lines in the country, zone-wise;
- (b) the total length of railway lines converted into broad gauge as on date;
- (c) whether any time frame has been fixed by the Railways for conversion of all metre gauge lines into broad gauge lines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1310 BY SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.11.2009 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION.

(a): The total length of metre gauge railway network (route kilometres) in the country as on 31.3.2009 is given below:-

S.No.	Name of State	Route Kilometres
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1.	Central	0
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2.	Eastern	0
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3.	East Central	490
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4.	East Coast	0
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5.	Northern	11
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6.	North Central	47
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7.	North Eastern	1428
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8. Northeast Frontier 1390

9. North Western 1849

10. Southern 1269

11. South Central 361

12. South Eastern 0

13. S.E. Central 0

14. South Western 97

15. Western 1531

16. West Central 0

Total 8473

(b)to(d): Since 1.4.1992, 15401 kilometres of metre gauge/narrow gauge lines have been converted into broad gauge upto 31.3.2009. No time frame has been fixed for completion of all the metre gauge lines into broad gauge. This will depend upon availability of resources.