

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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THAWE GOPALGANJ LINK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of connecting Thawe station to Gopalganj station with broad gauge line;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI KOTLA JAYA SURYA PRAKASH REDDY)

(a) to (c): Gauge conversion of Thawe-Gopalganj section has already been taken up as a part of Kaptanganj-Thawe-Siwan-Chhapra (233.50 km) sanctioned gauge conversion project. Gauge conversion of Kaptanjganj-Thawe-Siwan section (127.50 km) has been completed and commissioned. Conversion work on the balance section of Thawe-Gopalganj-Chhapra (106.20 km) has also started where earthwork, bridges work, blanketing, S&T work, electrical work, etc. have been taken up. An expenditure of ` 475.30 crore has been incurred upto March, 2012. An outlay of ` 5.00 crore has been proposed for this project in the Budget 2013-14. Target for completion of Thawe-Chhapra section has not been fixed.