

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2455
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2009
GAUGE CONVERSION IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing broad gauge conversion and doubling of rail lines in Karnataka as on date including future proposals;
- (b) the time schedule for their completion of these projects; and
- (c) the reasons for delay, if any, in adhering to the time schedule?

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.2455 BY SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.12.2009 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION IN KARNATAKA

(a) and (b): Details of ongoing gauge conversion and doubling of rail lines falling fully/partly in the State of Karnataka and outlay provided for these projects during 2009-10, expenditure incurred upto 31.3.2009 thereon and status alongwith target date for completion, wherever fixed, is given as under:-

S. No. Name of Project Status and target date for completion , wherever fixed

1. Bangalore-Hubli Gauge conversion of Bangalore and Shimoga Town- City-Hubli and Birur-Shimoga has Talguppa (630 km) - already been completed. Work Gauge Conversion on balance portion i.e. Shimoga Town-Talguppa (97 km) has also been taken up. Work on Shimoga-Anandapuram (57 km) is targeted for completion during 2009-10.
2. Kolar-Chikballapur- Earthwork, bridge works and ballast Gauge Conversion supply have been taken up.
3. Bangalore-Whitefield- Work will be taken up after Bangalore City- obtaining requisite clearances. Krishnarajpuram - (23.08 Km) Doubling
4. Dharwad-Kambarganvi Land acquisition, earthwork, bridge (26.68 Km) - Doubling work and ballast supply have been taken up. Work on Mugad-Kambarganvi (10 km) is targeted for completion during 2009-10.
5. Arsikere-Birur (44.28 Km) - Land acquisition, earthwork, bridge Doubling works and ballast supply have been taken up. Work on Arsikere-Devanur (22 km) is targeted for completion during 2009-10.
6. Ramanagaram-Mysore doubling Land acquisition, earthwork, bridgework (91.50 Km) including and ballast supply have been taken up. electrification of Kengeri-Mysore - Doubling
- 7 Raichur-Guntakal This work is being implemented by Rail (81.1 Km) - Doubling Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). Land acquisition, earthwork, bridgework and ballast supply have been taken up.

Surveys for doubling of lines in certain sections have been done/taken up. The doubling works will be taken up as and when sanctioned.

(c): Railways have a huge throwforward of ongoing projects under New Lines, gauge Conversions, Doublings, Railway Electrifications and Metropolitan Transport Projects. Due to limited availability of resources, the projects take long time for completion. The targets for projects are generally fixed on yearly basis based on the availability of resources and progress achieved and many of the projects get completed in phases.