

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2098  
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GAUGE CONVERSION  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of gauge conversion work on Tiruvarur, Tiruthuraiipoondi and Pattukottai section and Thiruthoraiipoondi and Agasthiyampali sections;
- (b) the details of funds allocated/spent thereon so far; and
- (c) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed along with the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a): On Thiruvarur-Tiruturaipundi-Pattukottai section, dismantling of MG tracks/bridges, earthwork and bridge works have been taken up. On Tiruturaipundi-Agastiyampalli section, dismantling of track has already been completed and minor bridges works has been taken up.
- (b): An expenditure of Rs. 330.25 crore has been incurred upto March, 2013 and an outlay of Rs. 100 crore has been provided for the entire project during 2013-14.
- (c): This work would take about 4-5 years due to difficult terrain in the area. Works have been taken up in different phases for their proper monitoring and funds are provided as per availability.