

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2013
PALAKKAD POLLACHI GAUGE CONVERSION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of gauge conversion work on Palakkad-Pollachi section;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and spent thereon along with the details of cost overrun on the project;
- (c) the reasons for delay in completion of the said project; and
- (d) the time by which the said project 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): Work on Pollachi-Muthalamada (26 Km) has already been completed. On Muthalamada-Palghat section (32 Km), earth permit has delayed the progress of the work.
- (b): This work is a part of Dindigul-Pollachi-Palghat & Pollachi-Coimbatore gauge conversion project. Original cost of this project was ` 343.17 crore and its anticipated cost is 914.98 crore. On this project, an expenditure of ` 609.01 crore has already been incurred upto March, 2013.
- (c): Constraint of resources, land acquisition problems and delay in requisite permits from the State Government has delayed completion of the project.
- (d): On this project, work on 181 Km. section has already been completed. Remaining section will be completed in coming years depending upon availability of resources.