

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:57  
ANSWERED ON:02.07.2009  
GAUGE CONVERSION  
Rajaram Shri Wakchaure Bhausahab

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of rail routes where gauge conversion is yet to take place;
- (b) the length of rail route converted to broad gauge during the Tenth Five Year Plan alongwith the expenditure made thereon State-wise;
- (c) the target fixed for gauge conversion in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, State-wise;
- (d) the details of the rail routes scheduled to be completed by the end of the current financial year;
- (e) whether the Railways proposes to provide additional funds to expedite the projects; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.57 BY SHRI WAKCHAURE BHAUSAHEB R. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.07.2009 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION

(a): As on 01.04.2009, there was about 11,000 Km of MG/NG track.

(b): During 10th Plan period, 4289 km of Metre Gauge/Narrow Gauge were converted to Broad Gauge. The total expenditure incurred on gauge conversion projects during the plan period was Rs.6525 crore. State-wise details of expenditure on projects is not maintained.

(c): The targets for conversion of 10,000 Km of MG/NG lines to Broad Gauge has been fixed for the 11th Five Year Plan period. State-wise targets have not been fixed.

(d): The sections proposed to be completed during the current financial year will be known once the Railway Budget 2009-10 is presented in the Parliament.

(e) & (f): A number of initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources through non-budgetary measures like public/private partnership, funding by State Governments and other beneficiaries to expedite progress of ongoing projects.