

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:91
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GAUGE CONVERSION BETWEEN BHILADI-SAMDHARI
Pathak Shri Harin

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited has started the work of the gauge conversion between Bhiladi-Samdhari in the State of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which work of gauge conversion is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): The work involves Gauge Conversion of 223 Km between Bhiladi and Samdhari. The present status of work is as under:-
 - (i) Dismantling of MG section including loop lines has been completed.
 - (ii) The work of strengthening of bridges to suit Broad Gauge standards has been completed on all the bridges except 3 bridges where work is in progress.
 - (iii) Construction of Platforms & Station Buildings at all the 23 stations are in advanced stage.
 - (iv) Cable laying and erection of poles for platform lighting is completed at 9 stations out of 23 and work is in progress in the remaining stations.
- (c): The work is likely to be completed by December, 2009.