

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION WORK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways proposes to start gauge conversion between Narkatiyaganj-Bhikhanathori rail section falls under East-Central Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): The gauge conversion work of Narkatiaganj- Bhikhanathori (35 km) rail section has been taken up as a part of Jaynagar-Darbhanga-Sitamarhi-Narkatia- ganj-Bhikhanathori (294 km) gauge conversion project at an anticipated cost of `1044 crore and an expenditure of `688 crore has been incurred upto March 2014. So far on this project, section from Jaynagar to Raxaul (218 km) has been commissioned. Earthwork, major/minor bridge works have been taken up on remaining sections of the project, including Narkatiaganj-Bhikhanathori section.