

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5181
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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 project on Loharu-Jhunjhunu-Sikar-Ringas section;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and spent thereon;
- (c) the reasons for delay in completion of the said project;
- (d) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed and commissioned; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Gauge Conversion of Loharu-Sikar-Ringus section is a part of Jaipur-Ringus-Churu & Sikar-Loharu gauge conversion project sanctioned at an anticipated cost of `503.55cr. An expenditure of `249.20cr. has been incurred upto 31.03.2014 and an outlay of `20.0cr. has been provided during 2014-15.

Track linking on Loharu-Sikar section has been completed. Process for inspection by Commissioner of Railway Safety, Ministry of Civil Aviation for commissioning of the section has been taken up. On Sikar-Ringus section, earthwork, bridges and ballast supply works have been taken up.

Railways have a huge throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of funds. As such, it is not possible to allot adequate funds to all the projects on a regular basis which is a pre-requisite for fixing time lines.