

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CONVERSION OF NARROW GAUGE LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to convert the Pulgaon Amla narrow gauge line under Nagpur Railway zone/division into broad gauge lines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): An updating survey for gauge conversion of Pulgaon-Arvi narrow gauge line has been completed in 2012-13 as a part of survey for gauge conversion of Achalpur- Murtizapur-Yavatmal (190 km) & Pulgaon-Arvi (35 km) narrow gauge railway lines. As per survey report, the cost of this project is estimated as Rs.1554 crore with a negative Rate of Return of 2.45%. The project could not be taken forward due to its unremunerative nature and also due to the fact that State Government of Maharashtra has not acceded to the request of Ministry of Railways to share 50% cost of the project and give land free of cost. At present no survey has been taken up for new line between Arvi and Amla.