

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3479
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GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECT
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the gauge conversion project for the narrow gauge Gwalior-Sheopur Kalan railway line has been pending for sanction;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of tracks in length which are still narrow gauge in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): The Gauge Conversion work of Gwalior-Sheopur Kalan and further extension to Kota (Length 284 kms, Cost Rs.1176 Crores) has been sanctioned in 2010-11.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Statewise list of Narrow Gauge track is appended.
- (d): Based upon operational & technical feasibility and availability of funds, as on 31.03.2014, 19679 kms of Meter Gauge and Narrow Gauge have been converted into Broad Gauge since 1992 i.e. the year of taking up unigauge policy.