

**Title:** Need to ensure early completion of gauge conversion work of Nizamabad-Mudkhed and Jankampet-Bodhan under South Central Railway.

SHRI G. GANGA REDDY (NIZAMABAD): The Railway Minister vide her letter dated 16.9.2000 assured for gauge conversion of Secunderabad-Mudkhed and Jankampet-Bodhan Section of the South Central Railway in phases. The first phase work between Nizamabad-Mudkhed is in progress and the job of earthwork and bridges has been completed. The work needs to be quickened to run the train from Nizamabad to Mumbai *via* Mudkhed during the year 2001-2002 for which the Minister has not yet given any assurance.

I understand, the completion of the above gauge conversion would require further allocation of Rs. 40 crore in the ensuing Budget Session.

I request the Railway Minister to sanction the above amount in the Budget of 2001-2002 for completion of the Project by July 2001 as the interest of development of backward region of Telengana is involved.