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Title: Need to expedite gauge conversion work of railway line between Dindigul and Palani towns in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): Gauge conversion between Dindigul and Palani in Southern Railway was take up around 4 years back. The distance between the two towns is only 62 kms. Palani is one of the six famous abodes of Lord Muruga. Lakhs and lakhs of devotees throng the Palani town from all over the world. It was informed by the Railway Board that the conversion would be completed before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. As the conversion works is still incomplete earnest steps should be taken for the gauge conversion so that traffic can be resumed before the end of this year.