

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GAUGE CONVERSION OF KHANDWA-RATLAM-AJMER RAIL LINE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to convert Khandwa-Ajmer via Ratlam metre gauge rail line into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Khandwa-Ajmer rail line is likely to be converted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Gauge conversion of Ajmer-Chittaurgarh and Neemuch-Ratlam section are already sanctioned. These works will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources and operational priority of the lines. A survey for gauge conversion of Ratlam- Khandwa section has also been completed and the survey report is under examination in consultation with the Zonal Railway. Further consideration of this project would be possible once the results of the survey is finalized. A BG line already exists between Chittaurgarh and Neemuch.