

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:790
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2001
GAUGE CONVERSION
JAGMEET SINGH BRAR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any time-bound programme/plan has been drawn up to convert metre gauge railway lines into broad gauge;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the plan for conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge during 2001-2002 and the amount provided for the same?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 790 BY SHRI J.S. BRAR T ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.7.2001 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION.

(a) to (c) Under the Project Unigauge, about 19500 km of MG/NG lines were identified for conversion into BG. This was planned to be done at the rate of about 6000 km each in th3 8th and 9th plans and remaining in subsequent plan periods. Against this, 6897 km has been converted in the 8th Plan and 1892 km in the 9th Plan upto 2000-01. The progress has been less than planned due to constraint of resources.

(d) :181 km long MG/NG lines are targeted for conversion during 2001-02 and Rs. 725 cr. (gross) has been provided for the same.