

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:418  
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2003  
GAUGE CONVERSION  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total length of rail track still to be converted into broad gauge line in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the route length converted into broad gauge during Ninth Five Year Plan period, alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon, State-wise;
- (c) the target fixed for gauge conversion work during the Tenth Five Year period;
- (d) the details of sections likely to be completed by December, 2004;
- (e) whether additional fund are likely to be considered to speed up the projects;
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.418 BY SHRI PR RASHTRAPAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20-02-2003 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION.

(a): The statewise details of meter gauge/narrow gauge lines as on 01- 04-2002 are attached as Annexure-I.

(b): A total of 2103 km length was converted into broad gauge during 9th Five Year Plan period, the details of which are attached as Annexure-II. The details of expenditure on project are not maintained statewise. However, the total expenditure incurred on gauge conversion projects during the 9th Five Year Plan was Rs.3880.36 crore.

(c): As per the Xth plan document, a target of 2365 km of gauge conversion has been fixed. However, targets for individual projects are fixed on year to year basis as per the overall availability of resources and the progress of individual project.

(d): The details of sections completed/likely to be completed in 2002-03 are as follows:-

| Sl. No. | Section completed/ likely to be completed in 2002-03                               | KM  |
|---------|--|-----|
| 1       | Latur-Latur Road of Miraj-Latur  | 42  |
| 2       | Luni-Samdari-Jasai of Luni-Monabao   | 196 |
| 3       | Vadalur-Vriddhachalam of Cuddalore-Salem   | 27  |
| 4       | Mangalore-Puttur of Arsikere-Hassan-Mangalore                                      | 40  |
| 5       | Virudhunagar-Rajapalayam of Quilon-Tirunelveli-Trichchendur & Tenkasi-Virudhnagar  | 50  |
| 6       | Dharmabad-Nizamabad & Jankhampet-Bodhan of secundrabad-Mudkhed & Jankhampet-Bodhan | 56  |

|       |   |     |
|-------|---|-----|
| 7     | Katpadi-Tirupati of Katpadi-Pakala-Tirupati   | 104 |
| 8     | Rajkot-Jetasar-Junagarh of Rajkot-Veraval   | 102 |
| 9     | Surenderanagar-Pipavav of Surendranagar-Bhavnagar-Rajula-Mahuwa with the extn. Upto Pipavav & Silhor-Palitana | 250 |
| TOTAL |   | 867 |

However, sections targeted for completion in 2003-04 will be known only on presentation of Budget 2003-04.

(e) & (f): This would depend upon the overall availability of funds. However, some projects have been identified for implementation under National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY).