

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECTS IN MADHYA PRADESH
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding the narrow gauge railway lines being converted into broad gauge lines in the State of Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the progress so far made in this regard, project-wise; and
- (c) the time by which these project are likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The work of conversion of Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat-Katanggi line from narrow gauge to broad gauge is in progress. In the first phase, work on Gondia-Balaghat has been taken up where conversion block has started from 17.1.2003. This section is targeted for completion during 2003-2004. Earthwork on detoured alignment near Jabalpur has also been taken up. No target date has yet been fixed for completion of the entire project.