

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:801
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2000
GAUGE CONVERSION IN SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of projects undertaken for gauge conversion in South Central Railways;
- (b) the details of railway lines converted into broad gauge so far;
- (c) the funds allocated for gauge conversion during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and
- (d) the present status of gauge conversion projects and the

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:801 BY DR. N.VENKATASWAMY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.11.2000 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION IN SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY.

(a) to (d) : Is given below :-

Name of Project Outlay (Rs. in Cr.) Status

1998-99 99-2000 2000-01

1. Guntur-Guntakal-Kalluru 30.00 10.00 10.50 Guntur-Guntakal section completed.
In Guntakal-Kalluru modification to alignment and gradients are being worked out. Now with the sanction of Dharmavaram-Pakala gauge conversion for which clearances are being obtained, conversion of Guntakal-Pakala section would be done in one phase. Work is in good progress on new line portion from Pendekallu-Gooty which is targeted for completion in 2001-2002
2. Mudkhed-Adilabad 1.00 1.00 2.00 Work is in progress under BOLT and is expected to be completed in about a year s time, subject to the contractor raising necessary funds.
3. Secunderabad-Mudkhed
& Jankampet-Bodhan 5.00 20.00 20.00 Work is in good progress in first phase from Mudkhed-Nizamabad and is targeted for completion in 2001-02 subject to availability of resources.
4. Katpadi-Pakala-Tirupati 20.59 20.00 12.00 Earthwork and bridgework are in progress in the entire section.

5. Solapur(Hotgi)- 20.00 7.00 10.00 Work has been taken up in phases.
Solapur-Hotgi and Hotgi-Bijapur sections
have been completed. A Memorandum of
Understanding has recently been signed with
Govt. of Karnataka for mobilizing resources
for the speedy execution of the project .

6. Secunderabad-Dronachallam &
Secunderabad-Bolarum 30.00 5.00 5.00 The work has been completed.

7. Hospet-Hubli-Goa 15.00 5.00 1.00 The work has been completed.

8. Purna-Akola 10.00 New Work included in Budget 2000-01.
Detailed planning, finalisation of
tenders etc. for taking up the work are in hand.

Besides the above, gauge conversion of Miraj-Londa, Manmad-Purna-Mudkhed and Bellary-Rayadurg sections have been completed before 1998-99.