

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4868
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2001
GAUGE CONVERSION IN KARNATAKA
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether gauge conversion of some metre and narrow gauge rail lines are pending since long in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details of proposals received from the Government of Karnataka for gauge conversion during the last three years;
- (c) the action initiated by the Union Government to implement these conversion projects; and
- (d) the funds sanctioned for these projects during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4868 BY SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.04.2001 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION IN KARNATAKA

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): Proposals were received from Chief Minister Karnataka for obtaining clearances, providing adequate funds and expediting the following gauge conversion works in Karnataka. The details of the proposals, action taken thereon, funds provided to these works during the last 3 years are as under:-

Details of Action Taken proposals received	Original Outlay provided in cr. of Rs. during
1999-2000	2000-01 2001-02 (Proposed)

i) Gauge conversion of Sakleshpur-Mangalore-Providing adequate resources and expediting progress.	This is a part of Arsikere-Hassan-Mangalore gauge conversion project. Arsikere-Hassan-Sakleshpur has been completed & commissioned. Earthwork bridges, ballast collection on the rest of the section are in progress. Formation is ready between Mangalore and Kabakaputtur (44 km) and Kabakaputtur to Subramanya Road will be completed this year. Lowering of tunnels and widening of bank in ghat section, has been taken up together with geonet treatment to prevent slip and slope failure in ghat section. The work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. Funding through Karnataka State is being explored.	28 26 58
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ii)	Gauge conversion of Mysore-Chamarajanagar with extension to Mettupalayam - Expediting CCEA clearance	The work was included in the Budget 1997-98 with the proviso that the work would be taken up after obtaining necessary clearances action for which has been initiated. Work would be taken up once clearances are received.	0.10	0.10	1
iii)	Gauge conversion of Solapur-Gadag-Speeding up the work on Bijapur-Gadag section.	The work is being done in phases. The work Solapur-Hotgi and Hotgi to Bijapur has been completed. Work is in progress on rest of section from Bijapur to Gadag which will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. Funding through Karnataka State is being tried with a view to expedite early completion of this work.	7	10	10
iv)	Gauge conversion of Shimoga-Talgupa-Allotment of more funds.	This is a part of Bangalore-Hubli-Birur-Shimoga. The work on the line from Bangalore-Hubli & between Birur & Shimoga has been completed. Work is in progress on Shimoga-Talguppa. Earthwork has been taken up from Shimoga-Kamsi (25 km) and Sagara-Talguppa (15 km) where progress is 90%. Work is being progressed as per availability of resources.	3	2	0.5