

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4868

ANSWERED ON:19.04.2001

GAUGE CONVERSION IN KARNATAKA

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**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 in cr. of Rs. during	Outlay provided
1999- 2000 2000 (Proposed)	2000-01 2001-02	

i) Gauge conversion of Sakleshpur- Mangalore- Providing adequate resources and expediting 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.	This is a part of 28 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 progress. 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.	26	58
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ii) Gauge The work was included in 0.10 0.10 1  
conversion the Budget 1997-98 with  
of Mysore- the proviso that the work  
Chamarajanag would be taken up after  
ar with obtaining necessary  
extension to clearances action for  
Mettupalayam which has been initiated.  
- Expediting Work would be taken up  
CCEA once clearances are  
clearance received.

iii) Gauge The work is being done in 7 10 10  
conversion phases. The work Solapur-  
of Solapur- Hotgi and Hotgi to  
Gadag- Bijapur has been  
Speeding up completed. Work is in  
the work on progress on rest of  
Bijapur- section from Bijapur to  
Gadag Gadag which will be  
section. 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.

iv) Gauge This is a part of 3 2 0.5  
conversion Bangalore-Hubli-Birur-  
of Shimoga- Shimoga. The work on the  
Talgupa- line from Bangalore-Hubli  
Allotment of & between Birur & Shimoga  
more funds. 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.