

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria adopted for the conversion of metre and narrow gauge rail lines into broad gauge:
- (b) the length of metre and narrow gauge line exists at present, zone/State- wise;
- (c) the details of metre and narrow gauge rail lines converted into broad gauge during the last three years and the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (d) the details of the on-going conversion works;
- (e) the details of metre and narrow gauge rail lines to be converted into broad gauge lines during the next three years, year-wise; and
- (f) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): The position is as under:

(a): The policy followed for sanction of routes to be taken up for gauge conversion under project uni-gauge has been as under:-

- (i) To take up conversion of lines to develop alternative BG routes obviating the need for Doubling existing BG lines in these routes.
- (ii) To establish new BG links between stations connected by other BG lines.
- (iii) To establish BG connection to ports, industrial centres and locations having potential for growth.
- (iv) To take up conversion of lines required on strategic considerations.
- (v) To minimize transshipment and to improve wagon turn around by avoiding delays at transshipment points.
- (vi) To carry out the conversion of lines as per the above policy at least cost yet providing at standard of service not lower than what the rail users were getting on the MG.

(b): At present 15054 km metre gauge lines and 3363 km narrow gauge lines exist on the Indian railways, Zone-wise details are given below:-

Zone	MG	NG
CR	-	861
ER	-	133
NR	1671	261
NE	2758	-
NF	2105	87
SR	2570	-
SC	1481	-

SE	-	1145
WR	4469	876

Total	15054	3363
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(c): The details of metre and narrow gauge lines converted during the last 3 years are contained in the statement enclosed. An amount of Rs.2632 cr. was spent on gauge conversion during the said period.

(d): The information is already included in the budget documents, presented to Parliament.

(e) and (f): The details have not yet been finalized and will depend on the availability of resources.

### Statement

Position of gauge conversion in the 9th Plan

1997-98	Km Zone State	1998-99	Km Zone State	99-2000	Km Zone State
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Completed section	Completed section	Completed section
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Hassan- Sakleshpur	424 SR Karna- taka Trichy anhalli	Tambaram- Nadu	309 SR Tamil Baiyyap taka	Yeshwantpur- taka	17 SR	Karna-
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Mysore- Holenar sipur	87 SR Karna- taka gul- pettu	Dindi- Nadu Trichy	89 SR Tamil am- Chengle	Arakkon Nadu	63 SR	Tamil
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Bachwara- Hajipur	71 NE Bihar Mariani Miayana and Dahinsara to Navlakhi	Jorhat- Maliya-	17 NFR	Assam	Morbi-	68 WR	Gujarat
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Kolar- Bangarpet Moran- hat	81 SR Karna- taka gar- Lalkuan	Sheosa Lalkuan	38 NFR	Assam	Kashipur-	58 NE	UP
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Trichy- Thanjavur Gorakhpur	50 SR Tamil Nadu iaganj- Kurduwadi	Narkat ar	159 NE pur-	UP/Bih ashtra	Pandhar	54 CR	Mahar-
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Jodhpur- Marwar Ballarshah	103 NR Rajas- than th- ashtra	Babupe ashtra	11 SCR	Mahar-
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Nagbir- Chandafort NG	11197 SER Mahara shtra pur- Hotgi	Shola- shtra	15 SCR	Mahara	Total 260
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Hotgi- Bijapur	97 SCR Karna- taka/Ma Phephna	Indara- Prades	52 NE	Uttar
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Jorhat- 67 NFR Assam  
Furkati  
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Shimalg 16 NFR Assam Total 690  
uri-Shivsagar

Dronachellam- 185 SCR Andhra  
Mehboobnagar Pradesh

Total 847 km

Total converted in last 3 years: 1797 km.