

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6125  
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2005  
GAUGE CONVERSION OF RAIL LINE BETWEEN DINDIGUL-COIMBATORE  
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

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

- (a) whether any demand for conversion of rail line between Dindigul-Palani-Palaghat-Coimbatore into broad gauge is pending with the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI R. VELU )

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): An updating survey for gauge conversion of Dindigul-Pollachi-Coimbatore and Pollachi-Palghat has been completed in January, 2005. As per the survey report, cost of conversion of 225 kms long Metre Gauge line into broad gauge has been assessed as Rs. 289.39 crore. Further decision on the proposal would be taken based on results of the survey once the same is finalized.