

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7038
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GAUGE CONVERSION OF RANGIA-MURKONGSELEK RAIL SECTION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is considering to abandon a few stations in the Rangia-Murkongselek section of NF Railway;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the survey of gauge conversion of Rangia-Murkongselek section has been completed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the progress so far made on the project; and
- (e) the total expenditure incurred on the project so far and the funds provided during 2005-06 for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The updating survey for gauge conversion of section was completed in 2002-03 and based on that, the project has been sanctioned. The detailed estimate for Rangia-Rangapara North has been prepared and is under process. Hydrological study of the area which undergo regular washaways/subsidences/slips etc, have been taken up by Indian Institute of Technology/Roorkee.

(e): No expenditure has been incurred on the project so far. An outlay of Rs. 7.96 crore has been provided for the year 2005-06.