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LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION IN SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the gauge conversion of the Rupsa-Bangiripshi section in the Kharagpur Division of South Eastern Railway has been completed;
- (b) if so, whether the clearance certificate from the Commission of Safety has been obtained for running of the trains on this section; and
- (c) if not, the time by which gauge conversion is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIR. VELU)

- (a): In the first phase of Rupsa-Bangriposi gauge conversion project, gauge conversion from Rupsa to Baripada (52 Kms) has been completed.
- (b): Yes, Sir. Sanction of the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) has been obtained for running of trains on Rupsa-Baripada section.
- (c): No target date of completion of gauge conversion of the balance segment of Baripada-Bangriposi (38 Kms) has yet been fixed.