

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3368
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2005
GAUGE CONVERSION OF SHOLAPUR-GADAG RAIL LINE
Shivanna Shri M

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the expenditure incurred so far on the gauge conversion of Sholapur-Gadag railway line;
- (b) the funds provided for the project during the current financial year;
- (c) the present status of the project; and
- (d) the time by which the work on the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a): Rs. 260.83 crore.

(b): Budget outlay of Rs. 15 crore has been provided during 2005-06.

(c) & (d): On this project, gauge conversion of Solapur-Bijapur (110 kms) has already been completed and commissioned. The balance work i.e. gauge conversion of Bijapur-Gadag (190 kms) is being executed on cost sharing basis (50:50) with the Government of Karnataka. On Bijapur-Basavana-Bagewadi (45 kms) track linking has been completed. Work on the balance section has also been taken up. No target for completion of the project has been fixed.