

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:386

ANSWERED ON:11.05.2006

GAUGE CONVERSION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of rail track (in Kms) at present, gauge-wise;
- (b) the details of railway track converted from metre gauge to broad gauge during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the expenditure incurred on gauge conversion during the said period;
- (d) whether some requests/proposals for gauge conversion received from the various State Governments are pending with the Railways; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.386 BY S/SHRI BHUPENDRASINH SOLANKI AND DUSHYANT SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.05.2006 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION.

(a): The gauge-wise length of rail track as on 31.03.2005 (latest available) was as under:

Gauge	Route Kms. Running	Total Track Kms.
	Track Kms. (including yards, sidings, etc.)	
Broad Gauge (1676 mm)	47,749	67,932 89,771
Metre Gauge (1000 mm)	12,662	13,271 15,684
Narrow Gauge (762/610 mm)	3,054	3,057 3,350
Total	63,465	84,260 108,805

(b): 2,377 Kilometres of Metre Gauge/Narrow Gauge lines have been converted into broad gauge in the last three years i.e. 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06. The State-wise details are as under:-

State Kilometres

Andhra Pradesh	207
Assam & NE States	61
Bihar	85
Delhi	25
Gujarat	492
Haryana	58
Jharkhand	67
Karnataka	146
Maharashtra	20
Madhya Pradesh	28
Orissa	52
Rajasthan	372
Tamilnadu	310
Uttar Pradesh	167
West Bengal	287
Total	2,377

c): The expenditure incurred on gauge conversion during the said period is approximate Rs.3,708 crore.

(d) & (e): Details of each and every demand received is not maintained. However, details of some of the proposals received from various State Governments and where gauge conversion is yet to be taken up are as under:-

State	Proposal	Action Taken
Gujarat	Bharuch-Dahej	Included in the Budget 2006-07.
Gujarat	Ahmedabad-Botad	Survey taken up.
Gujarat	Suredrangar-Joravarnagar-Sayla	Gauge conversion from Surendranagar to Joravarnagar has already been completed.
	Joravarnagar-Sayla	line has been dismantled long back.
Gujarat/	Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur	Survey completed.
Rajasthan		
Gujarat	Dhasa-Jetalsar	Survey taken up.
Gujarat	Bhuj-Naliya	Updating survey with extension upto Baranda/Koteswar taken up.
Gujarat	Mehsana-Taranga Hill	Updating survey taken up.
	Extension upto Ambaji	
Maharashtra	Yavatmal-Murtijapur-Achalpur	Survey completed.
Maharashtra	Pachora-Jamner	Survey completed in 2000-01 and work could not be taken up.
Maharashtra	Purna-Khandwa	Updating survey from Ratlam to Akola taken up.
Rajasthan	Jaipur-Ringus-Sikar-	Survey taken up.
	Churu-Ganganagar	
Rajasthan	Bikaner-Churu-Ratangarh-	Survey completed.
	Degana-Rewari	
Uttaranchal	Bareilly-Tanakpur	Bareilly-Bhojipura (19 kms.) gauge conversion taken up. The proposal for Bhojipura-Pilibhit-Tanakpur has been sent to Planning Commission for "in principle" approval.