

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION OF NAGPUR NAGBHID RAILWAY LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Railways have conducted any survey for gauge conversion of Nagpur–Nagbhid railway line;
- (b) If so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) The progress made on the said project so far?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A survey for conversion of Nagpur–Nagbhir (106 Kms) line from narrow gauge to broad gauge was conducted in 2003–04. As per the survey report, the cost of gauge conversion of this line was assessed as Rs. 141.56 crore with a rate of return of (–) 5%. In view of non-remunerative nature of the line, heavy throw-forward of ongoing projects and acute resource constraints, it has not been found feasible to take up the work for the present.