

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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KOLLAM-SHENGOTTAI-TIRUNELVELI RAILWAY LINE GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECT

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) The progress made so far on the Kollam-Shengottai-Tirunelveli railway line gauge conversion project;
- (b) Whether the work on the said project is going at very slow pace; and
- (c) If so, the steps taken to expedite the completion of the project?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Gauge conversion of Kollam(Quilon)-Shengottai-Tirunelveli is in various stages of progress. On this project, work on Kollam(Quilon)- Punalur and Shengottai-Tenkasi are targeted for completion during 2006-07. Land owners are obstructing the work despite possession given to the Railways. State Government have been requested to facilitate the work in affected area.