

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION OF NAUPADA GUNUPUR RAILWAY LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) The total funds allocated for gauge conversion of Naupada to Gunupur Railway line during each of the last three years and current year;
- (b) The reasons for delay in implementation and execution of the conversion line by East Coast Railway Zone; and
- (c) The progress of survey of B.G. Line from Gunupur to Therubali as extension project to connect B.G. Line from Naupada to Therubali thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The expenditures incurred on Naupada–Gunupur gauge conversion project during the years 2003–04, 2004–05 and 2005–06 are Rs. 12.38 crore, Rs. 12.82 crore and Rs. 7.32 crore respectively. Budget outlay provided for the project during the year 2006–07 is Rs. 34 crore.
- (b): The project is being progressed as per its operational priority and availability of resources.
- (c): The updating survey for extension of the line from Gunupur to Theruvalli has been completed and the project has been found non-bankable.