

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CONVERSION OF METRE GAUGE LINE INTO BROAD GAUGE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the scheme for the conversion of Mahesana-Tangra metre gauge line into broad gauge in Gujarat and its extension upto Ambaji has not been implemented till now;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the Government is likely to implement this scheme?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A survey for gauge conversion of Mahesana-Taranga Hill was completed in March, 2002. As per the survey report, cost of conversion of 57.4 kms. long Metre Gauge line had been assessed as Rs. 65.30 crore with a rate of return of (-) 1.03%. In view of heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and constraint of resources, it has not been found feasible to consider the proposal.