

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4403
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PROGRESS OF GAUGE CONVERSION OF BIJAPUR TO GADAG
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of the work on the gauge conversion between Bijapur and Gadag via Bagalkot, the outlay for the work, the amount spent so far and the targeted date for completion of the same;
- (b) whether there is any arrangement with the State Government for sharing the cost;
- (c) if so, the contribution made by the State Government as a consequence;
- (d) whether there is any delay in the contribution from the State Government has affected the progress of the work; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Gauge conversion of Bijapur-Bagalkot-Gadag is a part of Sholapur-Gadag gauge conversion project. On this project, work on Sholapur-Bijapur section has already been completed. Work on the balance project i.e. Bijapur-Bagalkot-Gadag is in progress and Bijapur-Bagalkot section is targeted for completion during 2004-05. An outlay of Rs.15 crore has been provided for this project in the budget 2004-05. An expenditure of Rs. 195.54 crore has been incurred on this project upto 31.3.2004.
- (b): Yes, Sir.
- (c): So far, State Government has deposited Rs. 16 crore towards their share.
- (d) & (e): The State Government of Karnataka have delayed in depositing their proportionate share with Railway which is affecting the progress of the project. The amount due as of now is Rs. 17.36 crore.