

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1314  
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2006  
CHILD LABOUR ENGAGED IN GAUGE CONVERSION  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the time by which the gauge conversion of Mudkhed-Adilabad rail line under the Nanded Division is likely to be completed alongwith the time by which the train announced is likely to be started;
- (b) whether child labour has been engaged for this work and the quality of work is also very poor;
- (c) if so, the action taken by the Railways in this regard;
- (d) whether a child labour had died falling down the bridge during this work in the first week of November, 2006; and
- (e) if so, the action taken against the persons found guilty in this case?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : Work of gauge conversion of Mudkhed-Adilabad has been completed. Trains to be run in the newly gauge converted section, as announced in the Budget are proposed to be run in the current financial year.
- (b) : No, Sir.
- (c) : Does not arise
- (d) : No, Sir. Only one villager not connected with railway work, who was trespassing on Bridge No.110 between Bhodadi Bujrug and Dhanora stations had died on 1.11.2006.
- (e) : Does not arise.