

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:148

ANSWERED ON:08.03.2007

UNIGAUGE PROJECT

Reddy Shri Karunakara G.;Vijay Krishna Shri

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Railways are considering to bring the entire rail network in the country under broad gauge in the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.148 BY S/SHRI VIJOY KRISHNA AND G. KARUNAKARA REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.03.2007 REGARDING UNIGAUGE PROJECT

(a) to (c) : No, Sir. However, as mentioned in Budget Speech 2007-08, efforts would be made to convert the majority of the Metre Gauge lines to Broad Gauge during the 11th Five Year Plan. The allocation of funds to the gauge conversion projects has been increased through internal generation of resources. A proposal has been initiated for taking approval of the Government on the programme of gauge conversion during 11th five year plan.