

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION IN TAMIL NADU  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways has decided to carry out Kotpadi-Villupuram gauge conversion in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the adequate funds have not been allocated to Tamil Nadu for the purpose of gauge conversion compared to other States;
- (d) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and
- (e) the funds allocated to Tamil Nadu during the last three years?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Gauge conversion of Villupuram-Katpadi (161 kms) is already in progress. The anticipated cost of this project is Rs. 239.59 crore. An outlay of Rs. 3 crore has been provided for this project in the budget 2004-05.

(c) and (d): The outlay for projects in particular State is done based on a transparent formula having weightage of 15% each for area and population of the State and 70% for throwforward of projects in the State. Project-wise allocation is based on this overall availability of resources and funds distributed to a State based on transparent formula.

(e): During 2001-02 to 2003-04 funds provided for projects falling fully/partly in Tamil Nadu were as under:-

Year	Total Outlay
2001-02	Rs. 128.35 crore
2002-03	Rs. 187.56 crore
2003-04	Rs. 245.60 crore