

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the gauge conversion on Mudkher-Adilabad and Mudkher-Sikanderabad rail line under Nanded (Maharashtra) Division are likely to be completed in the current financial year;
- (b) if so, whether the trains of broad gauge line will run on this line in this current financial year;
- (c) if so, whether the difficulties for gauge conversion are due to the shortage of funds;
- (d) if so, whether the Ministry of Railways will provide funds for this line; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): On Mudkhed Adilabad gauge conversion of Adilabad-Kinwat has already been completed. Works on the balance section are in progress. On Mudkhed-Secunderabad section, gauge conversion has already been completed between Mudkhed-Nizamabad and Secunderabad-Manoharabad. The balance work of gauge conversion of Manoharabad-Nizamabad is targeted for completion during 2004-05.
- (b) : Broad gauge trains on the Mudkhed-Adilabad section can be introduced only after commissioning of the broad gauge line.
- (c) & (d): The sections targeted for completion during current year are progressing and necessary funds for the same would be provided as per requirement.
- (e) : Does not arise.