

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION WORK  
Choudhary Shri Birendra Kumar

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

- (a) whether the gauge conversion work on Sakri to Nirmaly railway line in the State of Bihar is on slow pace;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): The gauge conversion of Sakri-Nirmali and Saharsa-Forbesganj (206 km) section has been taken up at an anticipated cost of `1250 crore and an expenditure of `256 crore has been incurred till March, 2014. As per the decision of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, this project is funded by Ministry of Defence. The project has been progressing as per the funds released by Ministry of Defence.

(c): The progress of the project is dependent on funding by Ministry of Defence. As such, no time frame has been fixed for completion of the project.