

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 27.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
PRODUCTIVITY OF METER GAUGE LINES .

1024

SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI

Will the Minister of COAL RAILWAYS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government has made any assessment of the productivity of meter gauge lines;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the meter gauge lines are becoming unproductive;
- (c) if so, whether there is proposal for conversion of these lines into broad gauge;
- (d) whether there is a plan for gauge conversion of rail lines from Gonda to Anandnagar in North-Eastern Railways; and
- (e) if so, by when it would be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (e) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1024 BY SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 27.11.2009 REGARDING PRODUCTIVITY OF METRE GAUGE LINES.

(a) &(b): Yes, Sir.

(c):The gauge conversion of metre gauge lines into broad gauge lines has been taken up since April 1992 under "Project Unigauge" in a progressive manner.

(d)&(e): The gauge conversion of Gonda-Anandnagar is already in progress as a part of Gonda-Gorakhpur loop with Anandnagar-Nautanwa gauge conversion project. On this project, Gorakhpur-Anandnagar-Nautanwa has already been completed. The balance portion from Gonda to Anandnagar would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.