

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2362
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2025

PATHANKOT-JOGINDER NAGAR NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY LINE

2362# MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering converting the Pathankot-Joginder Nagar narrow gauge railway line into a broad gauge line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the proposal to extend the said railway line beyond Joginder Nagar to Mandi is under consideration of Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Survey of Gauge Conversion of existing Pathankot – Joginder Nagar narrow gauge section (200 Km) has been sanctioned and survey work has been taken up for preparation of Detailed Project Report.

After firming up of Detailed Project Report (DPR), sanctioning of project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc.

Railway projects are sanctioned on the basis of remunerativeness, traffic projections, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives, Railway's own operational requirement, socio-economic considerations including connectivity to religious and tourist places etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects and overall availability of funds.