

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2355**  
**ANSWERED ON 07.08.2026**

**GAUGE CONVERSION OF PATHANKOT JOGINDER NAGAR RAIL LINE**

2355 SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has sanctioned a field survey for the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the conversion of the Pathankot–Jogindernagar (Kangra Valley) Railway line into broad gauge, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the present status of the survey, including the agency entrusted with the work and the expected date of its completion;
- (c) whether Government proposes to take up the gauge conversion project in a phased manner after completion of the DPR;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the estimated cost, proposed funding and the likely timeline for completion of the project?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) : Survey of Gauge Conversion of existing Pathankot – Joginder Nagar narrow gauge section (200 Km) has been sanctioned for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR). A professional agency has been engaged for this work. The field survey and traffic study have been completed for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR).

After preparation of DPR, project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. As consultation with stake-holders is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines cannot be fixed.

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