

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 72  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016**

**GAUGE CONVERSION**

†72. **SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:**

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

- (a) the number of gauge conversion projects sanctioned, completed and lying incomplete in the country during the last three years along with the complete details thereof;**
- (b) the number of gauge conversion projects in the State of Rajasthan which have been completed after sanction and those lying incomplete;**
- (c) whether in this year's budget, provision had been made for the completion of gauge conversion work in the State of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof, project-wise;**
- (d) whether work has started for the sanctioned amount and the time by which it will be completed; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 72 BY SHRI RAHUL KASWAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.11.2016 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION**

**(a): Four Gauge Conversion projects have been included in Railway Budgets since 2013-14 subject to requisite approvals. Details are as given below:-**

S. No.	Rly	State	Project	Year	Length (in km)	Latest Cost	Outlay 2016-17
						(in ₹ Crore)	
1	NER	UP	Indara-Dohrighat (34 Km)	2016-17	34	120	0.02
2	NER	UP	Bahraich-Mailani incl bypass at Mailani (230 Km)	2016-17	230	1900	0.02
3	WR	GUJ	Ahmedabad-Mahesana (70 Km)	2015-16	70	420	100
4	SECR	MAH	Nagbhir-Nagpur (106 km)	2013-14	106	401	25

**In three financial years starting from 2013-14, a total of 2337 Km Gauge Conversion has been completed. As on date, 39 Gauge Conversion works have been taken up.**

**(b) to (e): One gauge conversion project viz. Suratpura-Hanumangarh (174 Km) has recently been completed falling fully/partly in the State of Rajasthan. Details of ongoing gauge conversion projects falling fully or partly in the State of Rajasthan are as under:-**

S. No.	Rly.	State	Project Name	Year of Sanction	Length (in Km)	Cost	Expenditure upto 31.03.16	Outlay 2016-17
						(In ₹ Crores)		
1	NCR	MP, RAJ	Gwalior-Sheopurkalan with extension to Kota (284 km)	2010-11	284	3845	10.46	35

S. No.	Rly.	State	Project Name	Year of Sanction	Length (in Km)	Cost	Expenditure upto 31.03.16	Outlay 2016-17
						(In ₹ Crores)		
2	NCR	RAJ	Dholpur-Sirmuttra with extension to Gangapur City (144.6 km)	2010-11	144.6	2530	35.66	50
3	NWR	RAJ	Sadulpur-Bikaner & Ratangarh-Degana (394.35 km) with Ratangarh-Sardarshahar (44 km) sanctioned as MM	2007-08	438.35	886.22	814.14	10
4	NWR	RAJ, HAR	Jaipur-Ringus-Churu & Sikar-Loharu (320.04 km)	2008-09	320.04	915	453.54	100
5	NWR	RAJ	Ajmer-Chitturgarh-Udaipur incl MM Udaipur-Umra and Mavli-Bari Sadri(393 Km)	1996-97	393	865	557.18	15
6	WR	RAJ, GUJ	Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur including Modasa-Shamlaji Road(22.53Km)	2008-09	321.73	1662	233.69	675.25

Thus a total allotment of ₹885.25 Crore has been made for these Gauge Conversion projects. As execution of a railway project requires several clearances and assistance from other departments which are beyond the control of railways, it will not be feasible to fix time lines for completion of all the projects.

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