

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4184  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

**GAUGE CONVERSION**

**†4184. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:**

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

- (a) whether entire network of Railways is being brought under broad-gauge;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the steps taken in this regard; and**
- (d) the number of projects pending for over two years out of them?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) to (d): To ensure smooth and uninterrupted movement of passengers and goods, Railways has decided to convert the existing Meter Gauge/Narrow Gauge Lines into Broad Gauge Lines except heritage Lines and Lines having dead ends. At present 57 projects having balance length of 4683 km have been taken up for gauge conversion. Presently 33 projects of gauge conversion are in progress which were included prior to budget 2016-17 and completion of a Railway Projects requires a number of clearances/approvals including Land Acquisition, forestry, provision of underpasses and road over bridge etc.**

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