

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6060
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2018**

METRE GAUGE TO BROAD GAUGE

**†6060. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present number of metre gauge lines in the country, zone-wise;**
- (b) the number of metre gauge lines converted into broad gauge lines;**
- (c) whether unavailability of sufficient funds is hindering the conversion of metre gauge lines into broad gauge;**
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and**
- (e) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6060 BY SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI AND SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.04.2018 REGARDING METRE GAUGE TO BROAD GAUGE

(a): Zone-wise length of Metre Gauge Route Kilometer, as on 31.03.2017, is as under:

Zonal Railway	Metre Gauge
East Central	308.55
North Central	11.48
North Eastern	737.49
Northeast Frontier	0.34
North Western	593.06
Southern	380.00
South Central	175.93
Western	1272.28
Total	3479.13

On other Zonal Railways, there are no Metre Gauge lines.

(b): During the last 4 years, 3395 km of Metre gauge/Narrow Gauge lines have been converted into Broad Gauge.

(c) to (e): No, Madam. Sufficient fund amounting to ₹14,772 crore was made available for gauge conversion during the last four years.
