

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 898
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018**

GAUGE CONVERSION IN MAHARASHTRA

898. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has conducted any survey for gauge conversion in Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, section-wise; and**
- (c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Only one survey i.e. Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for Gauge Conversion from Narrow Gauge (NG) to Broad Gauge (BG) between Pachora and Jamner and extension upto Bodwad (Malkapur) (84 km) has been sanctioned during last three years and current year in Maharashtra. Survey Report of the project has been received in Railway Board in October, 2017. As per survey report, cost of the project has been assessed as ₹849.68 crore with Rate of Return (-) 1.82%.

The project has been shelved as there are no large and medium scale industries in the catchment area of the section Pachora-Jamner-Makapur and ROR of the project is also negative. Further, additional traffic in future will be catered after completion of ongoing works of 3rd and 4th line between Manmad-Jalgaon and Railway Electrification work between Manmad-Mudkhed-Dhone.

(c): No expenditure incurred as project is unsanctioned.
