

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5102  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019**

**GAUGE CONVERSION OF SITAPUR-LUCKNOW RAIL LINE**

**† 5102. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to convert the Sitapur-Lucknow narrow gauge line into broad gauge;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the progress made in this regard; and**
- (d) the time by which this narrow gauge line is proposed to be converted to broad gauge line?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) to (d): Lucknow-Pilibhit via Sitapur, Lakhimpur (262.76 Km) Gauge Conversion work was included in Budget 2011-12 and the latest anticipated cost of the project is ₹1077 crore. The work has already been completed and commissioned from Aishbag to Lakhimpur (134.60 Km). Work has been taken up in remaining section. An expenditure of ₹1047.92 crore has been incurred upto March 2019.**

**The timely completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities (both underground and over ground), statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic considerations, cooperation and zeal of State Government for early completion of project, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, flooding, excessive rains, strikes of labour, orders of Hon'ble Courts, situation and conditions of working agencies/contractors etc. All these factors affect the completion cost and time of the project.**

**Due to the above uncertain and variable parameters, no confirmed time-frame can be given for completion of project at this stage.**

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