

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5551  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022**

**GAUGE CONVERSIONS SINCE INDEPENDENCE**

**† 5551. DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN:**

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

- (a) the length of railway in kilometers in 1947 at the time of independence, broad gauge/ meter gauge and narrow gauge-wise;**
- (b) the length in kilometers of new railway lines in the country upto the year 2014 since independence; and**
- (c) the length of railway lines in kilometers on which gauge conversion work has been done, gauge-wise till 2014 since independence?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5551 BY DR. DHAL SINGH BISEN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.04.2022 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSIONS SINCE INDEPENDENCE**

**(a) : The Gauge-wise length of Railway lines in Kilometres at the time of independence (in 1947-48) was as under :-**

<b>Gauge</b>	<b>Route (in Kms)</b>
<b>Broad Gauge (BG)</b>	<b>25,170</b>
<b>Metre Gauge (MG)</b>	<b>24,153</b>
<b>Narrow Gauge (NG)</b>	<b>5,370</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,693</b>

**(b) : Total Length of New Rail Lines in the country upto the year 2014 since Independence was 11,115 Km.**

**(c) : Since Independence, a total of 21,892 Kms Gauge Conversion have been undertaken from MG/NG to BG till the year 2014.**

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