

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3406  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2015**

**METRE GAUGE RAIL LINE**

**†3406. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:  
SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:**

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

- (a) the total length of railway lines in the country at present, zone-wise and gauge-wise;**
- (b) the details of surveys undertaken for laying of new railway lines in the country including Morena area of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, zone-wise;**
- (c) the number and details of such metre gauge lines which have not been converted into broad gauge as on date, State/Zone-wise;**
- (d) whether the Railways have any plan to convert these metre gauge lines into broad gauge; and**
- (e) if so, details thereof and the time by which all these metre gauge lines are likely to be converted into broad gauge rail lines?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3406 BY SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE AND SHRI ANOOP MISHRA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.08.2015 REGARDING METRE GAUGE RAIL LINE**

**(a): As on 31.03.2015, the Railway network (route kilometres) zone-wise & gauge-wise is as under:-**

**(PROVISIONAL)**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>RAILWAYS</b>	<b>B.G.</b>	<b>M.G.</b>	<b>N.G.</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>3743.11</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>298.61</b>	<b>4041.72</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>EASTERN</b>	<b>2574.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>91.57</b>	<b>2665.90</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>EAST CENTRAL</b>	<b>3447.50</b>	<b>344.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3791.50</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>EAST COAST</b>	<b>2678.87</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2678.87</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>NORTHERN</b>	<b>6960.45</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>260.85</b>	<b>7221.30</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	<b>2916.10</b>	<b>11.48</b>	<b>288.59</b>	<b>3216.17</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>NORTH EASTERN</b>	<b>2846.14</b>	<b>1022.67</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3868.81</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>NORTHEAST FRONTIER</b>	<b>3306.84</b>	<b>601.32</b>	<b>87.48</b>	<b>3995.64</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>NORTH WESTERN</b>	<b>4565.72</b>	<b>988.37</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5554.09</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>SOUTHERN</b>	<b>4612.49</b>	<b>466.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5078.74</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>	<b>5746.16</b>	<b>175.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5922.09</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>SOUTH EASTERN</b>	<b>2722.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2722.12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>SOUTH EAST CENTRAL</b>	<b>1777.62</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>711.01</b>	<b>2488.63</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>SOUTH WESTERN</b>	<b>3322.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3322.12</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>WESTERN</b>	<b>4583.37</b>	<b>1297.32</b>	<b>558.90</b>	<b>6439.59</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>WEST CENTRAL</b>	<b>2995.07</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2995.07</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>METRO RAILWAY</b>	<b>27.28</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>27.28</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>58825.29</b>	<b>4907.34</b>	<b>2297.01</b>	<b>66029.64</b>

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**(b) : Zone-wise details of surveys undertaken for laying of new railway lines in the country that includes Morena area of Madhya Pradesh is as detailed below:-**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Zonal Railway</b>	<b>Survey completed during last three years &amp; current year</b>	<b>Survey in progress during last three years &amp; current year</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Eastern</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>East Central</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>East Coast</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Northern</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>North Central</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>North Eastern</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Northeast Frontier</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>North Western</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Southern</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>South Central</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>South Eastern</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>South East Central</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>South Western</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Western</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>West Central</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>

**(c): As on 31.03.2015, details of Metre Gauge lines State-wise are as under:-**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>NAME OF STATE</b>	<b>METRE GAUGE ROUTE KILOMETRES</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>ANDHRA PRADESH</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>ARUNACHAL PRADESH</b>	<b>1.26</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>ASSAM</b>	<b>379.31</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>BIHAR</b>	<b>454.24</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>CHHATISGARH</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>DELHI</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>GOA</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>GUJARAT</b>	<b>1193.04</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>HARYANA</b>	<b>13.58</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>HIMACHAL PRADESH</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>JAMMU &amp; KASHMIR</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>JHARKHAND</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>KARNATAKA</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>KERALA</b>	<b>72.09</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>MADHYA PRADESH</b>	<b>233.69</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>MAHARASHTRA</b>	<b>105.75</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>MANIPUR</b>	<b>1.35</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>MEGHALAYA</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>MIZORAM</b>	<b>1.50</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>NAGALAND</b>	<b>1.72</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>ODISHA</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>PUNJAB</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>RAJASTHAN</b>	<b>915.56</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>SIKKIM</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>TAMIL NADU</b>	<b>394.16</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>TELANGANA</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>TRIPURA</b>	<b>151.40</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>UTTARAKHAND</b>	<b>42.15</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>UTTAR PRADESH</b>	<b>883.23</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>WEST BENGAL</b>	<b>63.31</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>CHANDIGARH</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>PUDUCHERRY</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL: ALL INDIA</b>	<b>4907.34</b>

**(d) & (e): Gauge Conversion is a continuous process. As on 01.04.2015, Indian Railways have taken up 42 numbers of gauge conversion projects. Out of total 4,907 kilometres of Metre Gauge lines, 3,766 kilometres has been sanctioned for conversion and 1,141 kilometres has not been sanctioned for conversion.**

**Due to huge throw forward & limited availability of resources, deadline for every project is not feasible to be fixed. Targets for completion of projects are decided annually depending upon availability of resources and progress made on individual project. Therefore, it is not possible to fix timelines for completion of all these gauge conversion projects.**

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