

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2895  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2015**

**BROAD GAUGE**

**2895. DR. GOKARAJU GANGA RAJU:**

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

- (a) whether the Satpura narrow gauge line is running at loss;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is planning to convert the stretch from narrow gauge to broad gauge in order to reduce travel distance of trains running north to south; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

**(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. During the year 2013-14, narrow gauge line in Satpura region incurred a net loss of ₹393 crore against an annual expenditure of ₹542 crore with an annual earning of ₹149 crore.**

**(c) & (d): Three narrow gauge Railway lines falling in Satpura region, viz. (i) Chhindwara – Mandla Fort (182 Km), (ii) Chhindwara – Nagpur (150 Km) and (iii) Jabalpur – Gondia (285 Km) have been taken up at a total cost of ₹3461 crore with an allocation of ₹830 crore for 2015-16. Gauge Conversion of Nagpur – Nagbhir (106 Km) narrow gauge line has also been included in the Budget subject to requisite Government clearances.**

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