

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 650
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2015**

GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

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SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the surveys undertaken for gauge conversions in the country, zone-wise and route-wise including Karnataka, Kerala, Bihar and Tamil Nadu during the last three years along with the present status thereof;**
- (b) the route-wise details of total length of railway lines in the country yet to be converted into broad gauge; and**
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to complete the ongoing surveys?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 650 BY SHRI BIRENDRA KUMAR CHOUDHARY, SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM, SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN AND SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.12.2015 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

(a) to (c): As most of the railway lines extend across one or more States, State-wise/Route-wise data is not maintained. However, zone-wise details of surveys taken up during the last three years and the current year for gauge conversion(GC) in the country, including the State of Karnataka, Kerala, Bihar and Tamil Nadu are as under: -

| S. No. | Zonal Railway | Route | Present Status |
|---------------|---|--|--|
| 1 | Central | Achalpur-Murtizapur-Yavatmal-Pulgaon-Arvi | Survey completed in 2012-13, project could not be taken forward due to huge throwforward of ongoing projects & being unremunerative. |
| 2 | North Central | Mathura-Vrindavan | |
| 3 | North | Pilibhit-Sahajahanpur | Survey taken up. |
| 4 | Eastern | Mailaini-Bahraich | Survey taken up. |
| 5 | North Western | Marwar-Mavli | Survey taken up. |
| 6 | Western | Bhadran-Bochasan-Petland-Nadiad | Survey taken up. |
| 7 | | Gauge conversion of existing Meter Gauge line near (Ambliyan-Vijapur-Gandhinagar loop) | Survey taken up. |
| 8 | | Kalol-Kadi-Katosan | Survey taken up. |
| 9 | | Ahmedabad-Mahesana for doubling | Project included in Budget 2015-16 subject to obtaining necessary clearances. |
| 10 | | Kosamba-Umarpara | Survey taken up. |
| 11 | | Pratapnagar-Vishwamitri-Jambusar-Samni & Jambusar-Kavi | Survey completed. |
| 12 | | Jhaghadia-Netrang (GC) with extension to Nandurbar (NL) via Sagbara-Khopar-Tawda-Shahda-Dondacha | Survey completed. |
| 13 | | Champaner Panimines & Chhuchhapura-Tanakhala & its extn. Upto Rajpipla | Survey completed. |
| 14 | Bilimora-Wagai (GC) with extension to Manmad (NL) | Survey completed. | |

As on 01.04.2015, 4907 Km of Meter Gauge and 2297 Km of Narrow Gauge lines exist in the country.
