

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 674
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2016**

GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECT

**674. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway has taken any steps for timely completion of Churu-Jaipur via Sikar gauge conversion project;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the fund earmarked for the same; and**
- (c) the time by which the said project of gauge conversion is likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): Jaipur-Ringus-Churu & Sikar-Loharu gauge conversion project (320kms) has been taken up with latest anticipated cost ₹915 crore. Sikar-Loharu (122kms) section has been completed & commissioned in the year 2015-16. On Jaipur-Sikar-Churu section (198 kms), earthwork, bridgework, ballast supply and track linking works have been taken up. 41 kms track linking has been completed on Sikar-Churu.

An expenditure of ₹454 cr. has been incurred on the project till 31.03.2016. An outlay of ₹100 cr. has been earmarked for the project during 2016-17.

Completion of the project depends on many factors including availability of funds, site conditions etc. By providing adequate funds for this project in 2016-17, the project has been fast tracked for its early completion
