

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.614  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2016**

**GAUGE CONVERSION AND DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINES**

†614. **SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:  
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:  
SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:  
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:**

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

- (a) whether there has been slow progress of gauge conversion and doubling of railway lines;**
- (b) if so, whether any study has been conducted for ascertaining the reasons behind slow progress of these works;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the present status of gauge conversion and doubling of railway lines projects including gauge conversion project of Kollam-Chenkotta during the last three years;**
- (e) whether any monthly targets have been set for all the 17 railway zones under corrective measures and if so, the details thereof along with the achievements reflected as a result thereof; and**
- (f) the manner and the extent to which these measures are likely to speed up the works in Railways?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 614 BY SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV, SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH, SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA, SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT AND SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.07.2016 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION AND DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINES**

**(a) to (c): The progress of commissioning of Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects in last three years over Indian Railways is as given below:-**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Gauge Conversion (Km)</b>	<b>Doubling (Km)</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>708</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>705</b>
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>1042</b>	<b>972</b>

**Funds to the ongoing Gauge Conversion and Doubling projects are allocated project-wise and zone-wise on year to year basis and allocation are presented alongwith cumulative expenditure in the form of Pink Book submitted to the Parliament along with the Budget Papers. Project-wise budget allotment is made as per availability of resources and progress of works. As the overall allocation was less in the past, all the projects could not be allotted adequate funds, thereby affecting the progress adversely of many projects. No special study has been carried out regarding progress of projects of Indian Railways.**

**(d): The status of gauge conversion and doubling projects included in Works Programme during the last three years i.e. 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 is as given below:-**

<b>Plah Head</b>	<b>No. of Project (included in Budget in last three years)</b>	<b>Length (in Km)</b>	<b>Latest Cost (in Rs. Crores)</b>
<b>Gauge Conversion</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>821</b>
<b>Doubling</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>10,391</b>	<b>99,032</b>

**The present status of Kollam (Quilon)-Sengottai (Chenkotta) (95 Km) Gauge Conversion project is as under:-**

**(i) Quilon-Punalur (45 Km) section is already commissioned. Work has been taken up on balance length Punalur-Kollam to Sengottai.**

**(e) & (f): Targets for Gauge Conversion and Doubling are fixed on yearly basis. Outlay for Gauge Conversion and Doubling Projects has been increased substantially in the last three years. However, to ensure steady progress throughout the year and to address impediments, if any, faced by Zonal Railways, monthly monitoring is done for which such targets have also been circulated.**

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