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3.	Baramati-Lonad
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	Gauge conversion
1.	Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat Katangi
2..	Miraj-Latur
3.	Chhindwara-Nagpur
	Doubling
1.	Panvel-Pen
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Works are progressing as per availability of resources. Only Miraj-Pandharpur of Miraj-Latur gauge conversion project is running behind schedule which was targeted for conversion by March, 2009. There has been delay in, land acquisition by State Government and failure of contractors. This section is now targeted for 2009-10.

(c) Works are progressing as availability of resources.

Gauge conversion in Rajasthan under NRVY

†2393. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any new proposals for gauge conversion in Rajasthan under National Rail Vikas Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when they would be implemented;

(c) whether Jaipur-Phulera-Ringus-Rewari section which is very sensitive and important, is being included in the said scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Gauge conversion of Ringus — Rewari and Jaipur — Phulera has been completed.

Cleanliness and maintenance of coaches

†2394. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government is aware that the standard of cleanliness and maintenance of coaches and the quality of water supplied in the trains is deteriorating day by day;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the level of commitment of railway employees is decreasing resulting in late running of trains as well as increase in the number of accidents; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to improve the standard of maintenance and cleanliness in trains and to run the trains on time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. Indian Railways have always endeavoured to improve upon the standards of maintenance, cleanliness and hygiene in coaches and ensure good quality of the water supplied in the coaches.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Late running of trains is due to various reasons like miscreant activities, alarm chain pulling, natural calamities, damage to track due to breaches, law and order problems, bad weather, cattle run over, equipment failures and electricity grid failure. Several steps viz. monitoring of trains, punctuality drive, improvement in time tabling, upgradation of technology of track, rolling stock and signaling are being taken by Railways to run the trains on time.

Safety is the prime concern of Indian Railways. All possible steps are undertaken on a continuing basis to prevent accidents which include timely replacement of over-aged assets, signaling and interlocking systems, safety drives, publicity campaigns and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. As a result, there has been a declining trend in the number of train accident.

Following schemes have been launched for improving the standards of cleanliness in trains:—

- Intensive mechanized cleaning of rakes in the coaching depots.
- On Board House Keeping Services (OBHS) in all Rajdhani/Shatabdi and important Mail/Express trains.
- Clean Train Station Scheme at identified stations.
- Comprehensive pest and rodent control arrangements.

Gauge conversion in Western Zone

2395. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how many Gauge Conversion Demands are pending in Western Zone as on 31st March, 2009;

(b) what is the calendar of works on hand as on today;

(c) how many from above pertains to the State of Gujarat; and

(d) what is the progress by Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. in various projects of gauge conversion?