

#### Gauge conversion works

†279. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the commencement and completion dates of gauge conversion activities of (i) Ratlam-Indore-Khandwa-Akola; (ii) Jaipur-Sikar-Loharu; (iii) Sadulpur- Hanumangarh-Ganganagar-Suratgarh; (iv) Mathura-Hathras-Kasganj-Bareilly-Lalkuan; (v) Rangiya-North Lakhimpur and (vi) Lumding-Amba Ambasa Lines; and

(b) the reasons for giving low priority to these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The details of commencement and target date for completion of these gauge conversion projects are as under:

Sl.No.	Project	Date of commencement	Target date for completion
(i)	Ratlam-indore - Khandwa -Akola;	Yet to commence	Not fixed.
(ii)	Jaipur-Sikar - Loharu;	Yet to commence	Not fixed
(iii)	Sadulpur - Hanumangarh - Ganganagar - Suratgarh;	(a) Sadulpur (Suratpura) - Hanumangarh - Sriganganagar: Yet to commence, (b) Sriganganagar - Sarupsar: March, 2007.	Likely completion in 2012-13.  Likely completion in 2010-11.
(iv)	Mathura -Hathras - Kasganj-Bareilly - Lalkuan;	Mathura - Hathras - Kasganj October, 1998 Kasganj-Bareilly; December, 2002 Bareilly-Lalkuan: November, 2002	Completed and commissioned on 01.05.2009. Likely completion in 2011- 12. Likely completion in 2010-11
(v)	Rangiya-North Lakhimpur;	Rangiya -Murkongselek: December, 2007	Targeted for completion by March, 2013.
(vi)	Lumding -Amba Ambasa lines;	Lumding-Silchar-Jiribam, Badarpur-Baraigram - Kumarghat : 1996-97	Lumding-Silchar-Jiribam, Badarpur-Baraigram - Kumarghat is targeted for completion by March, 2012. Kumarghat-Agartala via Ambasa is a new line project which has already been completed and commissioned.

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