

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.214
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2018**

CONVERSION OF NARROW GAUGE LINE

†*214. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of places in the country where narrow gauge line is still in operation along with the details thereof;**
- (b) the places in Chhattisgarh for which proposal to convert narrow gauge line into broad gauge line has been approved;**
- (c) whether the proposal to convert Raipur-Rajim-Dhamtari narrow gauge line in Chhattisgarh into broad gauge line has been approved; and**
- (d) if so, the time by which the said work is likely to be completed along with the total amount sanctioned for the purpose?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COAL, FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 214 BY SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.08.2018 REGARDING CONVERSION OF NARROW GAUGE LINE

(a) The narrow gauge sections on Indian Railways having Passenger operations include the following section Zone wise-

SN	Zone	Narrow Gauge Section
1.	Central Railway	Neral-Matheran, Murtizapur-Yavatmal, Murtizapur-Achalpur, Pachora-Jamner, Pulgaon-Arvi
2.	Northern Railway	Kalka-Shimla, Pathankot-Jogindernagar
3.	North Central Railway	Dholpur-Sirmutra-Tantpur, Gwalior-Sheopur Kalan
4.	Northeast Frontier Railway	Darjeeling-New Jalpaiguri
5.	South East Central Railway	Kendri-Dhamtari, Abhanpur-Rajim Nagpur-Nagbhir
6.	Western Railway	Bilimora-Wagai, Malsar-Choranda-Miyagam karjan, Choranda-Moti Koral, Jambusar-Pratapnagar

(b) to (d) Detailed estimate for Gauge Conversion between Kendri to Dhamtari including Abhanpur-Rajim Branch line (67. 20 Km) has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.543.93 crore on 30.05.2018. The completion of Railway project requires land acquisition and shifting of utilities etc. Therefore, time line for completion of project cannot be fixed. However, work of gauge conversion usually takes few years to complete. Therefore, Railways is also exploring option of starting trains of better speed & comfort on these Narrow Gauge (NG) lines as well.
