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THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER  
Railway Board, New Delhi  
Sir,

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**PARTIAL GAUGE COVERSION OF 152 KM MARWAR JN-MAVLI JN SECTION**

The Hon'ble Railway Minister Ms. Mamata Banerjee proposed gauge conversion of only a tiny portion of 15 kms out of 152 km Mavli Jn-Nathdwara section as a whole. Earlier, I was informed by Assistant Public Information Officer-III, Railway Board vide his letter No.RTI Cell/2008/2229/CPIO (Interim Reply)-Receipt dated 28.01/2009 that an updating survey for Marwar Jn-Mavli GC has been completed and the report is under consideration of Railway Board. But surprisingly there is no mention, whatsoever, of the remaining 137 km portion between Nathdwara and Marwar Jn. I would like to seek the following information:

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- (1) When was updating survey report for Marwar Jn-Mavli Jn gauge conversion was completed? When was the said report received by the Railway Board?
- (2) I was informed more than 13-14 months back that the said report is under consideration of Railway. But the work has been proposed between Mavli Jn and Nathdwara (15 kms) only out of 152 kms. What reasons could be attributed to gauge conversion of only 15 km portion, segregating remaining 137 km portion between Marwar Jn and Nathdwara?
- (3) Is the Mavli Jn-Nathdwara a separate project or a part of Marwar Jn-Mavli section?
- (4) Is the Railway administration aware that consequent to the gauge conversion of Jodhpur-Marwar Jn section in 1997-98, Jodhpur lost direct rail link more than 12 years back not only with Udaipur and but with Chittaur and onwards to Malwa and Mahakaushal regions of Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha and Marathwara regions of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh?
- (5) Is the Railway administration aware that people of West Rajasthan had been traveling to Udaipur and Chittaur via Marwar Jn prior the gauge conversion of Jodhpur-Marwar Jn section in 1997-98?
- (6) Is the Railway administration aware of the numerous difficulties and problems being experienced by lakhs of West Rajasthanis permanently residing for decades in above areas in absence of direct rail link?
- (7) How should we take the non-inclusion of Marwar Jn-Nathdwara 137 portion of 152-km Marwar Jn-Mavli Jn section? Does it mean that there is no immediate plan to convert Marwar Jn-Nathdwara portion, forcing us to suffer the brunt indefinitely? If so, how long?

Thanking you,

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