

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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HIGH SPEED SPECIAL TRAIN
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have developed a special train which operate at a speed of 150 km per hour;
- (b) if so, the time by which these high speed special trains are likely to be introduced and on which sectors;
- (c) the maximum speed at which the existing high speed trains are operating; and
- (d) whether the new high speed train has been developed indigenously?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a) Yes, Sir. A trial run with a special train was carried out on Konkan Railway in December, 2002 at a speed of 150 Kilometer per hour.
- (b) The matter is under examination.
- (c) The maximum speed, at which existing high-speed trains are operating, is 130 Kilometer per hour.
- (d) For the new high-speed train, the locomotive used was imported from General Motors, United States of America. Locos with similar capabilities are however currently under manufacture in Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi, in India. The coaches used were imported from M/s Alstom LHB of Germany and coaches of similar design have also been manufactured at Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala.