

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN SPEED OF PASSENGER TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the speed of passenger train in India is 60 Km per hour while the speed in other developing countries is 100-120 Km per hour;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government propose to increase the speed of passenger trains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a) & (b): The speed of the trains on Indian Railways is based on the classification of trains namely Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Janshatabdi, Superfast, Mail/Express and passenger trains on specified sections of Indian Railways, the maximum permissible speed is 140 Kmph.

(c) & (d): Speeding up of trains is an ongoing process based on the operational feasibility.