

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1428  
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HIGH SPEED TRAIN  
Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the scheme for running high speed trains at the speed of more than 160 KMPH announced by the Government has been stalled;
- (b) if so, whether the said scheme has been stalled because of financial constraints;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the total cost likely to be involved in this scheme?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Railways had posed High Speed Rail Link Project between Mumbai – Ahmedabad under Development Study Programme of Japanese Technical Cooperation Programme for the year 2005-06, through the Ministry of Finance. Government have subsequently communicated to Japanese authorities that the feasibility study on the project may not be taken in view of the change of priority of the project.

(d) to (f): Ministry of Railways have got the feasibility study done through Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) for introduction of High Speed Train between Mumbai-Ahmedabad. The estimated capital cost at the time of commissioning (2011-12) was estimated as Rs.20,352 crore with low financial internal rate of return.