

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:22

ANSWERED ON:02.12.2004

INTRODUCTION OF BULLET TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Railways propose to introduce Japanese style bullet trains on some routes;
- (b) if so, the routes identified therefor alongwith the speed of bullet trains;
- (c) whether the Indian tracks are found suitable for these trains;
- (d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the tracks as per Japanese standard;
- (e) whether Japan has agreed to provide technical assistance to modernise basic infrastructure with a view to run bullet trains in India;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the time by which the bullet trains are likely to be plying on identified routes?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (g) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 22 BY SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL AND SHRIMATI MANORAMA MADHAVARAJ TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.12.2004 REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF BULLET TRAINS.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (g): A Techno-economic feasibility study for running High-speed trains between Mumbai and Ahmedabad has already been initiated through RITES (Rail India Technical and Economic Services). A proposal for a development study has also been submitted to Government of Japan. The issues raised shall be examined on receipt of the feasibility report.