

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CHANGE OF PUNE-MIRAJ HUBLI SECTION TRACK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether high speed trains like Rajdhani Express cannot be run on the Pune-Miraj-Hubli section due to slow speed track;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to change this track from slow speed to high speed track; and
- (c) the track utilization capacity of Pune-Miraj-Hubli section at present?

Answer

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

- (a): The maximum permitted speed of the section is related to route classification. The track structure on a section is provided, keeping in view the route classification and traffic density. Pune-Miraj-Hubli is 'D' route, where maximum speed permitted is 100 kmph. However, the speed of passenger trains had been permitted upto 105 km per hour at present as a Special Case.
- (b): Upgradation of track takes place along with track renewals which are sanctioned on age-cum-condition based criteria and are executed as per availability of funds.
- (c): The line capacity utilization for different stretches of Pune-Miraj-Hubli section, varies from 72% to 139%.