

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1037

ANSWERED ON:17.07.2014

HIGH SPEED PASSENGER CORRIDORS

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

- (a) whether the Railways propose to introduce high speed trains/ bullet trains/semi-high speed trains in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the sectors/ routes identified for the introduction of these trains;
- (c) whether the Railways have conducted technical/ financial feasibility for the introduction of these trains;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the expenditure estimated to be incurred on the various sectors/ routes and the sources from where the financing of these trains is to be made; and
- (e) the details with regard to the time frame fixed for completion of the project and the date by which high speed / bullet trains are expected to ply on the respective routes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI MANOJ SINHA )

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1037 BY DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA, SHRI D.K. SURESH, SHRI B. SRIRAMULU, SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE, SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA, TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.07.2014 REGARDING HIGH SPEED PASSENGER CORRIDORS

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. The first sector identified for introduction of High Speed trains in the country is Mumbai-Ahmedabad; As regards Semi High Speed trains (160-200kmph), the sections identified are Delhi-Agra; Delhi-Chandigarh; Delhi-Kanpur; Nagpur-Bilaspur; Mysore-Bengaluru-Chennai; Mumbai-Goa; Mumbai-Ahmedabad; Chennai-Hyderabad and Nagpur-Secunderabad. (c) For introduction of High Speed trains on Mumbai - Ahmedabad sector two studies, one a Joint feasibility study, co-financed by India and Japan and another a business development study by French Railways (SNCF) have been undertaken.

Feasibility study for semi-high speed (upto 200 kmph) between Mumbai – Delhi and Mumbai-Ahmedabad was conducted by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and report submitted in March 2014.

(d) Expenditure estimated on Mumbai-Ahmedabd High Speed Corridor is approximately Rs. 63,000 crore.

The High Speed Rail project will have to be taken up through an appropriate mix of Government support, multilateral / bilateral funding and by alternative means of resource mobilization, including Public-Private-Partnership (PPP).

(e) At present, as there is no sanctioned project for High Speed trains, no time frame can be fixed.