

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1017
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023**

NATIONAL RAIL PLAN VISION 2024

**1017. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
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PROF. RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:
DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of projects envisioned under the National Rail Plan Vision 2024;**
- (b) whether any of those projects cover the states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any developmental work has been started on the identified freight corridors;**
- (d) the details of the total number of trains which are targeted for speedy enhancement under this project and the estimated time of completion of the same; and**
- (e) the details of the new high speed rail corridors that have been identified under this project ?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 1017 BY DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE, DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT, SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL, DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL, PROF. RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI AND DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2023 REGARDING NATIONAL RAIL PLAN VISION 2024

(a) and (b) Under Vision 2024, as on 01.04.2023, total 251 Railway infrastructure projects (76 New Line, 19 Gauge Conversion and 156 Doubling), covering total length of 29,147 km, costing ₹4.92 lakh crore in the entire country including those falling fully/partly in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra are in planning/sanction/construction stages, out of which 9,910 km track length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹2.45 lakh crore has been incurred upto March 2023.

(c) Presently, Ministry of Railways has taken up construction of two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC) viz. Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1337 Km) and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 Km). So far, 2196 km (EDFC-1150Km and WDFC-1046 Km) out of total sanctioned length of 2843 km of DFC, has been completed.

(d) Speeding up of trains is a constant endeavour and a continuous process on Indian Railways (IR). IR has also undertaken rationalization of time table in a scientific manner with the assistance of IIT-Bombay, inter-alia to speed up trains services by converting passenger trains to

Express services and Express services to Superfast services. Further, Indian Railways has introduced Vande Bharat trains, which have higher speed potential. Till 21st July, 2023, 50 Vande Bharat trains have been introduced on the IR network.

(e) Presently, a High Speed Rail project namely Mumbai - Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project is undertaken with technical collaboration and financial assistance from the Government of Japan.

The National Rail Plan mentions the following routes for future possible development for high speed rail network:

- (i) Delhi - Varanasi**
- (ii) Delhi - Ahmedabad**
- (iii) Mumbai - Nagpur**
- (iv) Mumbai - Hyderabad**
- (v) Chennai - Mysore**
- (vi) Delhi - Amritsar**
- (vii) Varanasi - Howrah**
