

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF BULLET TRAIN .SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has received a credit of Rs.50 crore from Spain to undertake a survey and prepare the feasibility report for introduction of bullet train services in the 550 km. stretch between Mumbai and Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways has examined the said proposal;

(d) if so, the manner in which the said amount is likely to be utilized; and

(e) the time by which the survey and feasibility report is likely to be prepared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e) : Ministry of Railways has not received any credit from Spain. However, an MOU has been signed between the Indian Railways and the Spanish Railways (RENFE) agreeing in principle for a techno- economic feasibility study for running of a High-speed train services for a nominated corridor to be funded by the Spanish Government.

Ministry of Finance and Ministry of External Affairs have been approached by this Ministry for processing the proposal further through the Spanish Embassy at Delhi.