

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:80
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2000
INTRODUCTION OF BULLET TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether high speed bullet trains expected to run at a speed of 350 km per hour are proposed to be procured by the Government from Japan;
- (b) if so, the estimated expenditure involved therein;
- (c) whether the feasibility of running such high speed trains in the Indian conditions and tracks have been examined by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government have received such offers from the other countries also; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.80 BY SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV AND SHRI J. JANARADHANA REDDY TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.7.2000 REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF BULLET TRAINS

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d): In the Railway Budget 2000-2001, it has been mentioned that necessary studies towards choice of routes for high speed will be initiated. Action in this regard is being taken.

(e) & (f): Preliminary discussions were held with Japan Railway East, which is the leading railway in the high speed passenger transportation, and International Union of Railways (UIC) regarding co-operation in building high speed lines for Indian Railway and their response has been favourable. As the matter involves high level of investment, lot of deliberations will be required before any concrete proposal is firmed up.