

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:469  
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2008  
HIGH SPEED PASSENGER CORRIDOR  
Badiga Shri Ramakrishna

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

- (a) whether Indian Railways have sought any technical cooperation from French National Railway to set up high-speed passenger corridors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether any discussion on this issue have been held with the officials concerned during the recent visit of French President to India; and
- (d) if so, the details thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): During the fifth Indo-French Steering Committee meeting held on 15.01.2008 in New Delhi with SNCF International, France (a French National Railway Company), French side shared their experience of high speed trains in France with the Indian side. Both sides endeavoured to have a concerted approach regarding any seminars to be held by French Railways on the subject in India.