

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1009
ANSWERED ON:23.10.2008
BULLET TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are contemplating to ply high speed bullet trains in the country to make rail service more fast;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether essential technique and technology have been made available to run the bullet trains; and
- (d) the action taken by the Railways in this regard alongwith rail route selected to run these trains?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1009 BY SHRI HANSRAJ G. AHIR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.10.2008 REGARDING BULLET TRAINS.

(a) to (d): No, Sir. At present, Ministry of Railways has decided only to conduct pre- feasibility studies for construction of high speed passenger corridors equipped with state of the art, signalling and train control system for the following five corridors viz.:

(i) Delhi - Chandigarh - Amritsar

(ii) Pune - Mumbai - Ahmedabad

(iii) Hyderabad - Dornakal - Vijayawada - Chennai

(iv) Chennai-Bangalore-Coimbatore-Ernakulam

(v) Howrah - Haldia

The proposed sections will be having dedicated tracks solely for running trains at speed of 300 to 350 km per hour. As per concept, these trains will have state of the art technology, travelling comfort and on board services.

Presently, technology for such trains is not available with Indian Railways. Detailed requirement of technology will be assessed during the course of pre-feasibility study.

Till now, Global Tenders for engaging a Consultant, for Delhi - Chandigarh - Amritsar and Pune Mumbai - Ahmedabad have been invited by Ministry of Railways.