

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1161

ANSWERED ON:03.03.2011

HIGH SPEED TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to introduce high speed trains under Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS) to connect metropolitan cities with the neighbouring towns having huge traffic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to chalk out any vision / plan to bring Indian Railways at par with China and Japan in regard to running of high speed trains; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1161 BY S/SHRI E.G. SUGAVANAM, RAMKISHUN AND KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.03.2011 REGARDING HIGH SPEED TRAINS.

(a)&(b): In respect of Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS) to connect neighbouring towns with Delhi, NCR Planning Board has commissioned study which envisages preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) after detailed feasibility study in respect of three corridors i.e. Delhi-Meerut, Delhi- Rewari-Alwar and Delhi-Sonepat-Panipat. The speed of the train being studied is in the range of about 160 kmph.

(c): As the feasibility study has not yet been completed, the implementation timeline cannot be commented upon.

(d)&(e): The 'Vision 2020' envisages the implementation of one project in each of the regions of the nation and planning for at least 8 more corridors connecting commercial, tourist and pilgrimage hubs. Six High Speed Rail corridors have already been identified for prefeasibility studies. These are:

- (i) Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar;
- (ii) Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad;
- (iii) Hyderabad-Dornakal-Vijayawada-Chennai;
- (iv) Howrah-Haldia;
- (v) Chennai-Bangalore-Coimbatore-Ernakulam;
- (vi) Delhi-Agra-Lucknow-Varanasi-Patna

The Vision 2020 document envisages that these could be built as elevated corridors in keeping with the pattern of habitation and constraint of land in our country. The Railways will use the PPP mode for investment and execution, and draw on frontier technologies incorporating the highest standards of safety and service quality. So far prefeasibility study of Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor has been completed.