

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2399
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VISION 2020
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of railway lines proposed to be added as per Vision 2020 alongwith length of railway lines added so far;
- (b) the reasons for slow mode of progress in this regard;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to introduce super high-speed trains in the coming years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2399 BY SHRI S.SEMMALAI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.03.2011 REGARDING VISION 2020.

(a) & (b): As per the Vision 2020 document, the target for the remaining two years of the 11th Five Year Plan is 1000 Kilometres. Against this, the Railways have been able to achieve completion of 449 KMs of New Lines in 2010-11, upto February, 2011. It is likely to achieve completion of 700 KMs by the end of the financial year, which is the highest ever performance of the Indian Railways in a year. The internal target for the year 2011-12 has also been kept at 1075 KMs in addition to the expected backlog of 300 KMs for the year 2010-11.

In view of the above, the pace of progress has improved substantially, despite its slow pace earlier, mainly due to continuing constraints of huge throwforward of ongoing projects and limited availability of resources. Besides financial constraints, the railway projects get delayed due to delay in availability of land, forestry and other clearances, law and order conditions, contractual failure, etc.

(c) & (d): Railways have in their Vision 2020 document mentioned that 2000 KMs of High Speed Rail Corridors will be built by 2020. The High Speed Rail Corridors will be fit for running trains at speeds of 250-350 Kmph. Railways have identified six corridors for undertaking pre-feasibility studies and these are:

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

So far, report on the pre-feasibility study for the Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor has been received which is under examination.