

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:778

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BULLET HIGH SPEED TRAINS

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

- (a) the present status of the progress made by the Railways in exploring the possibilities of running Bullet Trains / High Speed Trains in the country;
- (b) whether the Railways propose any collaboration with Japan in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways to expedite work for introducing such train services in view of ever increasing rush of passengers across the country;
- (e) the details of financial implication involved therein along with the routes and major locations identified for the purpose, State-wise, and
- (f) the present status of development work at Calicut as a world class station?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.778 BY S/SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN, DR. MAHESH JOSHI, DATTA MEGHE, ANURAG SINGH THAKUR, VIRENDER KASHYAP TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.08.2011 REGARDING BULLET / HIGH SPEED TRAINS.

(a): Ministry of Railways has decided to conduct prefeasibility studies on 50:50 cost sharing basis with the concerned state Governments, on the six selected corridors to introduce High Speed Passenger Trains in the country. Tenders for prefeasibility studies of all the six corridors have been invited and studies are at various stages.

(b): No such decision has been taken.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Ministry of Railways has also decided to set up National High Speed Rail Authority (NHSRA) for planning, standard setting, implementing & monitoring of High Speed Rail projects and consultant for the same has been appointed to advise Ministry of Railways on the subject.

(e): Financial implication in executing these projects would be known only after prefeasibility studies are completed and input costs are computed. The corridors selected for prefeasibility studies in consultation with concerned state Governments are as under:

(i) Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar (Delhi, Chandigarh, Haryana, Punjab)

(ii) Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad ( Maharashtra & Gujarat)

(iii) Hyderabad-Dornakal-Vijaywada-Chennai (Andhra Pradesh & Tamil Nadu)

(iv) Chennai-Bangalore-Coimbatore-Ernakulam(Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala)

(v) Howrah-Haldia (West Bengal)

(vi) Delhi-Agra-Lucknow-Varanasi-Patna(Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar)

(f): Bidding process for development of Kozhikode (Calicut) station as world class station is planned to be undertaken through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, by leveraging the real estate potential of the land around and the air space above the station.

Bidding process for the world class stations in PPP mode will be initiated after Master Plan & Feasibility Report is prepared and in-principle approval of the local agencies obtained. In this regard, preliminary activities have been commenced up by the Zonal Railways.