

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5822
ANSWERED ON:08.09.2011
SURVEY FOR HIGH SPEED/BULLET TRAIN
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have appointed a UK firm to undertake pre- feasibility survey for starting High Speed / Bullet trains between Delhi and Patna;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by when the survey is likely to be completed and expenditure incurred so far on this survey;
- (d) whether the Railways have any plan to constitute Independent authority for making High Speed/Bullet Trains a feasibility in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5822 BY DR RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.09.2011 REGARDING SURVEY FOR HIGH SPEED / BULLET TRAIN.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. M/s Mott MacDonald, UK has been engaged as Consultant to undertake prefeasibility study for High Speed Rail Corridor between Delhi-Agra- Lucknow-Varanasi-Patna.

(c): The study will be completed by November, 2011. Till now an amount of Rs. 88,64,192/- (Rupees eighty eight lakhs sixty four thousand one hundred ninety two only) has been incurred on this study.

(d) & (e): Ministry of Railways has decided to set up National High Speed Rail Authority (NHSRA) for planning, standard setting, implementing & monitoring of High Speed Rail projects.