

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2408

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HIGH SPEED TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the corridors selected for prefeasibility study to introduce the high speed passenger trains in the country, corridor-wise;
- (b) whether some domestic / foreign companies have submitted their proposals for materialising this plan;
- (c) if so, the details and the present status of the said proposals; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the work on the said projects?

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 House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2408 BY S/SHRI NIKHAL KUMAR CHOUDHARY, BALIRAM JADHAV, RAMSINH RATHWA AND SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.12.2011 REGARDING HIGH SPEED TRAINS

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Railways has selected six corridors for conducting prefeasibility studies. Bids for all cases have been invited and many domestic as well as foreign firms have participated in them. These corridors are;

(i) Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar (450 km approx.)

(ii) Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad (650 km approx.)

(iii) Hyderabad-Dornakal-Vijaywada-Chennai (664 km approx.)

(iv) Chennai-Bangalore-Coimbatore-Ernakulam-Thiruvananthapuram (850 km approx.)

(v) Howrah-Haldia (135 km approx.)

(vi) Delhi -Agra-Lucknow -Varanasi - Patna (991 km approx.)

(c) Out of six corridors, consultants for four have been selected and studies are at various stages of progress.

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