

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:536

ANSWERED ON:15.03.2012

HIGH SPEED RAIL CORRIDORS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the progress made on High Speed Rail Corridor projects in the country, corridor-wise;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to seek foreign assistance particularly from Japan for the projects;
- (c) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (d) the present status of setting up of National High Speed Rail Authority in the country; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to expedite the completion of work on the said projects alongwith the time-frame set for the purpose?

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 the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.536 BY S/SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR, KUNWAR REWATI RAMAN SINGH, SHRI SUGUMAR K. AND SHRI PRADEEP MAJHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2012 REGARDING HIGH SPEED RAIL CORRIDORS.

(a) The present status of the prefeasibility studies for High Speed Rail projects in the country, corridor-wise, is as under:

1. Pune–Mumbai–Ahmedabad - The prefeasibility study has been completed.
2. Delhi–Chandigarh–Amritsar - The technical evaluation of the offers has been completed and financial bid is under finalization.
3. Delhi–Agra–Lucknow–Varanasi–Patna - The study is in progress. The Consultant has submitted Inception Report, Interim Report No.I & II and Draft Final Report to Ministry.
4. Howrah –Haldia - The study is in progress. The Consultant has submitted Inception Report, Interim Report No.I&II and Draft Final Report to Ministry.
5. Hyderabad–Dornakal–Vijaywada–Chennai - Consultant has been engaged and study is in progress.
6. Chennai–Bangalore–Coimbatore–Ernakulam–Thiruvananthapuram - Technical Bids have been evaluated and financial bids are under evaluation.

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): India will need technical and financial cooperation from countries which are already operating High Speed systems, including Japan.

(d): The Draft Bill for the formation of National High Speed Rail Authority (NHSRA) has already been moved for approval of the Government.

(e): National High Speed Rail Authority will initiate steps for pre-construction activities. No time-frame has been set for it.