GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:575 ANSWERED ON:15.03.2012 PPP IN HIGH SPEED CORRIDORS Antony Shri Anto;Panda Shri Baijayant;Ponnam Shri Prabhakar;Pradhan Shri Nityananda;Sugumar Shri K.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the development of High Speed Rail Corridors to overcome scarcity of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the corridors identified therefor;

(c) whether the Railways have received any proposals from various State governments for High speed Rail Corridors in their States;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon;

(e) the details of financial implications involved/likely to be involved therein;

(f) whether the State Governments have agreed to share the cost involved in these projects; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.575 BY S/SHRI ANTO ANTONY, NITYANANDA PRADHAN, BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA, SUGUMAR K. AND PONNAM PRABHAKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2012 REGARDING PPP IN HIGH SPEED CORRIDORS

(a) & (b): High Speed Rail Projects are capital intensive. The financing scheme for each such corridor will be specific, depending upon its cost and availability of funds from various means. Keeping in view resource constraints, Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) will be one of the important options of funding these projects. No specific corridor with PPP option has, however, been identified yet.

(c) & (d): The selection of corridors for pre-feasibility studies has been done by MOR in consultation with concerned State Governments, keeping in view the traffic requirements on these sections. These corridors are:

- (i) Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad (650 km approx.)
- (ii) Hyderabad-Dornakal-Vijaywada-Chennai (664 km approx.)
- (iii) Howrah-Haldia (135 km approx.)
- (iv) Delhi -Agra-Lucknow -Varanasi Patna (991 km approx.)
- (v) Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar (450 km approx.)

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

Tenders for prefeasibility studies for all the above corridors have been invited. Study for Corridor at item (i) has been completed. Studies are in progress in three corridors at item (ii), (iii) and (iv) above whereas tenders for item (v) & (vi) are yet to be finalised.

(e): The prefeasibility study has estimated the cost of Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor at Rs.55,800 crores approximately at 2009 prices. Cost of construction of other corridors has not been finalised.

(f): No, Madam.

(g): Does not arise.