

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2948

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HIGH SPEED PASSENGER CORRIDORS

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

- (a) the present status of progress made towards development of High Speed Passenger Corridors in the country, corridor-wise;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to set up a High Speed Rail Corporation and /or High Speed Rail Authority;
- (c) if so, the details and objectives thereof and the time by which these are likely to be set up;
- (d) whether some State Governments have also shown interest in development of such corridors;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Railways thereto, State/UT-wise;and
- (f) the progress made so far in working out a suitable financing model for effective implementation of the said corridors including joint-ventures with any foreign countries?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(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.2948 BY SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL, SMT. ANNU TANDON, SHRI HANSRAJ G. AHIR, SHRI RAMASHANKER RAJBHAR, SHRI HARIN PATHAK, SMT. SUPRIYA SULE, DR. SANJEEV GANESH NAIK, SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR, SHRI NARAHARI MAHATO, SHRI NRIPENDRA NATH ROY, SHRI E.G. SUGAVANAM AND SHRI MANOHAR TIRKEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.03.2013 REGARDING HIGH SPEED PASSENGER CORRIDORS

(a) Ministry of Railways, in consultation with State Governments, has selected seven corridors for carrying out prefeasibility studies for introduction of High Speed Passenger trains. Present status of prefeasibility studies on these seven High Speed Rail Corridors is Appended. At present out of seven corridors, the final report of prefeasibility study of Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor has been accepted by the Ministry.

(b)&(c) Yes, Madam. Ministry of Railways has decided to set up a "National High Speed Rail Authority (NHSRA)". No decision has been taken on the modalities of setting up of NHSRA for planning, standard setting, implementing & monitoring of High Speed Rail projects.

(d) to (f) Yes, Madam. The State Governments/UTs have shown keen interest in the development of High Speed Passenger Rail corridors. In the seven High Speed Rail corridors identified for carrying out prefeasibility studies, all the state Governments/UTs have agreed to share the cost of prefeasibility studies. The prefeasibility study cost is being shared between Ministry of Railways and State Governments on 50 : 50% basis. These seven corridors lie in 14 State Govt./ UT namely, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, Chandigarh, Haryana, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan. During prefeasibility studies, concerned State Government representatives have actively participated and also attended the presentations made by the respective consultant. Further, the Government of Kerala have on their own initiative, carried out a prefeasibility study for High Speed Corridor between Thiruvananthapuram and Kasargod.

Construction of high speed rail lines are highly capital intensive and have long gestation period, and no decision has been taken on the modalities of funding these projects.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2948 BY SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL, SMT. ANNU TANDON, SHRI HANSRAJ G. AHIR, SHRI RAMASHANKER RAJBHAR, SHRI HARIN PATHAK, SMT. SUPRIYA SULE, DR. SANJEEV GANESH NAIK, SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR, SHRI NARAHARI MAHATO, SHRI NRIPENDRA NATH ROY, SHRI E.G. SUGAVANAM AND SHRI MANOHAR TIRKEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.03.2013 REGARDING HIGH SPEED PASSENGER CORRIDORS

(a) Status of prefeasibility studies for High Speed Rail Corridors

- (i) Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad – 650 km – Prefeasibility study has been completed and the Final Report submitted by the Consultant has been accepted by the Ministry of Railways.
- (ii) Delhi-Agra-Lucknow-Varanasi -Patna – 991 km – Prefeasibility study has been completed. The Consultant has submitted the Final Report.
- (iii) Howrah-Haldia – 135 km – Prefeasibility study has been completed. The Consultant has submitted the Final Report to Ministry of Railways.
- (iv) Hyderabad-Dornakal-Vijaywada -Chennai – 664 km –The study is in progress. The consultant has submitted Inception Report, Interim Report I & II and Draft Final Report.
- (v) Chennai-Bangalore-Coimbatore-Ernakulam-Thiruvananthapuram – 850 km - The study is in progress. The Consultant has submitted Inception Report and Interim Report No.I and II and Draft Final Report.
- (vi) Delhi-Jaipur-Ajmer-Jodhpur - 591 km – No consultant has been finalized.
- (vii) Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar- 450 km – The work of carrying out prefeasibility study on this corridor has been entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL).