

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:192
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2013
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 towards development of High Speed Rail Corridors in the country, particularly those corridors on which pre-feasibility studies have been completed, corridor-wise;
- (b) whether any financing module for the purpose has been worked out so far, and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to take any technical or financial assistance from any foreign country particularly Japan for the development of the said corridors in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken/being taken by the Railways to expedite development of such corridors in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 192 BY SHRI HANSRAJ G. AHIR AND SHRIMATI POONAM VELJIBHAI JAT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.08.2013 REGARDING HIGH SPEED RAIL 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. Out of Seven Corridors selected for pre-feasibility studies, Prefeasibility study has been completed on three corridors i.e. Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad, Delhi-Agra-Lucknow-Varanasi- Patna & Howrah-Haldia. Final Report submitted by the Consultant for Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad has been accepted by the Ministry of Railways and for other two corridors it is under examination of Ministry of Railways. A project Steering Group has been formed to examine the options for implementing Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Corridor.

(b): No, Madam.

(c)&(d): During the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister to Japan in May 2013 it has been decided to undertake a joint feasibility study of Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor to be co- financed with Japanese Government. Discussions have been initiated to finalize the modalities of cost sharing and the Terms of Reference of the joint study.

Ministry of Railways is also getting a business development study done by French Railways for Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed rail link.