

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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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 in the development of High Speed Passenger Corridors in the country, corridor-wise, including southern corridor ;
- (b) the estimated cost thereof along with the details of financing module worked out by the Railways for effective implementation of the said projects, corridor-wise;
- (c) the timeframe set for implementation of the said projects, corridor-wise; and
- (d) the details of progress achieved in enhancing the running speed of trains in the country in the last two decades along with the funds spent for the purpose?

Answer

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

(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. 1329 BY SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE, SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL, SHRI K. JAYAPRAKASH HEGDE, DR. SANJEEV GANESH NAIK, SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL, SHRI MODUGULA VENUGOPALA REDDY AND SHRI C.R. PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.12.2013 REGARDING HIGH SPEED PASSENGER CORRIDORS

(a) Ministry of Railways, in consultation with State Governments, selected seven corridors for carrying out pre-feasibility studies for introduction of High Speed Passenger Trains in India. Out of seven corridors selected two corridors (S.No. IV & V below), are in the southern states of India. The present states of progress made corridor wise is as under:-

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, and same is under examination and acceptance of Board.

III. Howrah-Haldia – 135 km – Prefeasibility study has been completed. The Consultant has submitted the Final Report to Ministry of Railways, and same is under examination and acceptance of Board.

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).

(b) Out of seven corridors, only the pre-feasibility study report of Pune – Mumbai – Ahmedabad has been accepted by Ministry of Railways.

Mumbai – Ahmedabad corridor has been taken up for further action. The tentative cost of Mumbai – Ahmedabad corridor is assessed as Rs. 63, 000 crores by RITES.

Joint feasibility study for Mumbai – Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor is being conducted by Government of Japan & Government

of India. The study will start in December, 2013 & will take 18 months.

(c) As none of the High Speed Rail Corridors is a sanctioned project of Ministry of Railways, no time frame for its implementation can be indicated.

(d) The average speed of passenger trains enhanced in last two decades is as follows:

Types of train	1991-92		2011-12	
	BG	MG	BG	MG
Mail/Express	47.3	36.4	50.3	30.2
EMU	33.9	37.1	40.5	#
Ordinary Passenger	28.4	25.5	36.2	25.1

Based on Track Structure, Rolling Stock and other Infrastructure, in 2005, speed potential of Bhopal Shatabdi was increased to 150 kmph between Nizammuddin to Agra.

No data is maintained with respect to funds spent exclusively for the purpose of enhancing the running speed of trains in the country.