

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL COACH FACTORY  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have proposed to set up a rail coach factory in Sonapat district in Haryana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be set up;
- (c) whether the Railways have any proposal for running a high speed train from Delhi to Chandigarh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Railways propose to launch a new train service from Delhi to Punjab and Pakistan border via Sirsa, Bhatinda and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a) & (b) Setting up of coach manufacturing factory at Sonapat was announced in Railway Budget 2013-14. The project is not yet sanctioned and so no timeline can be indicated to setup the same.
- (c) & (d) The prefeasibility study for introduction of High Speed Rail Corridor between Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar has been entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited. The Consultant has submitted the inception report and interim report-1. The High Speed Train projects are highly capital intensive projects and at present, feasibility studies are underway. No project of High Speed Rail Corridor has been sanctioned.
- (e) No, Madam. At present, there is no such proposal. However, 06 pair of new train services including a Shatabdi Express train between Delhi and Bhatinda & increase in frequency of 14011/14012 Delhi-Hoshiarpur Express from weekly to daily have been announced in Railway Budget 2014-15 to cater to the needs of passengers of Delhi and various stations located in the State of Punjab. Of these 03 pairs of train services including 12047/12048 New Delhi-Bhatinda Shatabdi Express have been introduced and increase in frequency of 14011/14012 Delhi-Hoshiarpur Express has been given effect to.