

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1942

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BULLET TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have contemplated any mechanism for operating Bullet trains in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the proposed routes and connectivity with major metropolitan cities including Delhi and Panipat;
- (b) the present status of the proposal and the time by which it is likely to start operation;
- (c) whether the Railways are planning to integrate bullet trains with the existing railway network to facilitate faster and direct connectivity to large number of cities and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to lay down exclusive new railway tracks for these high speed bullet trains and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether these trains are likely to be owned and run by the Railways, private players or will be based on PPP model and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1942 BY SHRI HARINDER SINGH KIHALSA, SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO & PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.03.2015 REGARDING BULLET TRAINS

(a)&(b): The first sector identified for introduction of High Speed trains/bullet trains in the country is Mumbai-Ahmedabad. For this sector, two studies, one a Joint feasibility study, co-financed by India and Japan and another a business development study by French Railways (SNCF) have been undertaken. JICA has submitted first interim report in July 2014 and Second interim report was submitted in November 2014. SNCF has submitted the report in September, 2014.

Government is undertaking a feasibility study for Diamond Quadrilateral Network of High Speed trains comprising of four sides i.e.

(i) Delhi-Mumbai,

(ii) Mumbai-Chennai,

(iii) Chennai-Kolkata,

(iv) Kolkata-Delhi and both diagonals i.e.

(v) Delhi-Chennai and

(vi) Mumbai-Kolkata. The total length of network will be approx. 10,000 km. Delhi-Chennai section has been identified for feasibility study in cooperation with Govt. of China.

Other sections where pre-feasibility studies for high speed rail has been completed / in progress are as below:-

(i) Delhi-Agra-Lucknow-Varanasi -Patna – 991 km,

(ii) Howrah-Haldia – 135 km,

(iii) Hyderabad-Dornakal-Vijaywada -Chennai – 664 km ,

(iv) Chennai-Bangalore-Coimbatore-Ernakulam-Thiruvananthapuram – 850 km,

(v) Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar- 450 km &

(vi) Delhi-Jaipur-Ajmer-Jodhpur - 591 km.

(c)to(e): No decision has been taken and studies are in progress.