

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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HIGH SPEED TRAIN
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have conducted any feasibility study to ply a High Speed Train in Chennai-Mysore rail corridor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have any proposal to straighten the curves on the Chennai -Mysore corridor to allow the plying of High Speed Trains;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Railways have any plans to introduce more Express Double-Decker Trains on busy routes such as Chennai-Bangalore and Chennai-Coimbatore etc.; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A feasibility study for upgradation of speed of passenger trains to 160 kmph on Chennai-Bengaluru-Mysore corridor has been taken up through Chinese Railways fully funded by the Chinese side. The feasibility report is targeted for completion by October 2015.
- (c) & (d): The action regarding straightening of curves and other important issues on Chennai-Bengaluru-Mysore Corridor for allowing the plying of Semi High Speed Trains will be taken based on examination/study of the final feasibility report.
- (e): At present, there is no proposal to introduce additional Double-Decker trains on Chennai-Bangalore and Chennai-Coimbatore section. However, in the Railway Budget 2014-15, 12795/12796 Bangalore-Chennai Express (Daily) has been announced.
- (f): Does not arise.