

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Railways have planned to produce coaches for high speed locomotives to develop high speed train facilities in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways also propose to upgrade the railways lines in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the details about the fast train tracks identified by the Railways?

Answer

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

(a) Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala has been advised to develop prototype coaches with a speed potential of 200 kmph, with technical assistance from Research Design & Standards Organisation (RDSO) of Indian Railways.

(b) & (c) Indian Railways has identified nine corridors for raising the speed of passenger trains to 160 kmph in phase-I and thereafter to 200 kmph in phase-II. The corridors are : Delhi-Agra, Delhi-Chandigarh, Delhi-Kanpur, Nagpur-Bilaspur, Mysore-Bengaluru-Chennai, Mumbai-Goa, Mumbai-Ahmedabad, Chennai-Hyderabad and Nagpur-Secunderabad. For raising the speed of passenger trains to 160/200 kmph, technical inputs to track such as provision of 60 kg rail, provision of thick web switches and provision of improved switch expansion joints etc. are required.