

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Modern Coaches

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways plan to unveil modern coaches equipped with automatic sliding doors and electro-pneumatically assisted brake system to operate trains at higher speed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost involved in each of the coach;
- (c) whether these coaches have been manufactured domestically and if so, the place at which these are being manufactured;
- (d) the time by which the first consignment of four high speed coaches will be ready and put into operation; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways for time bound operationalization of high speed trains in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A work of upgrade to one semi-high speed LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) rake with 200 kmph speed potential has been sanctioned. Design of these coaches also includes provision of automatic sliding entrance doors and electro-pneumatically assisted brake system.

Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala has been entrusted to manufacture these coaches. Estimated cost for upgrade is around ₹1 crore per coach as per sanction.

(d): Neither any high speed coaches with speed potential greater than 200 kmph are under manufacture nor has any order been placed as yet. Accordingly no timelines can be provided.

(e): Government has sanctioned implementation of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed corridor in December 2015 with financial and technical assistance of Government of Japan. A new entity, National High Speed Rail Corporation has been formed in February 2016 to implement the project.
