

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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High Speed Rail Lines
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to construct high speed railway lines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the proposals for setting up new lines between Bengaluru and Amravati; and
- (c) the details of the progress of the project and the proposed timeline in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (c) : Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project has been sanctioned for implementation with technical and financial assistance of Government of Japan. National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has been incorporated as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to undertake the implementation of this project. As per joint feasibility report, this project is targeted for commissioning in 2022-2023.

Rail connectivity already exists between Bengaluru and Vijayawada via Dharmavaram and Gooty as well as via Katpadi-Pakala-Tenali.

A new line project from Vijayawada to Guntur via Amravati (106 km) has been included in the Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals.
