

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4820
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2014
DETAILS OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of superfast trains, Shatabdi, Rajdhani and Duronto trains currently operational across the country;
- (b) whether the Railways are considering modernisation of the existing superfast trains by increasing their speed capabilities; and
- (c) 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) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4820 BY SHRIMATI MEENAKSHI LEKHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.12.2014 REGARDING DETAILS OF TRAINS

(a): The number of Superfast trains, Shatabdi Express, Rajdhani Express and Duronto Express presently running on Indian Railways is as under:

S. No.	Type of trains	Number of trains (in singles)
1	Superfast Express Trains (including Shatabdi Express, Rajdhani Express, Duronto Express, Janshabdi Express, etc.)	1158
2	Shatabdi Express	46
3	Rajdhani Express	42
4	Duronto Express	54

(b) & (c): Speeding up of trains is a constant endeavor and continuous process on Indian Railways and is dependent on constant optimization of the investments made by Railways in modernization of technology, high powered locos, modern coaches and better tracks. Moreover, Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) Air Conditioned coaches running in service are already fit for 160 Kilometer per hour speed potential. Further, the introduction of semi high speed trains at 160/200 kmph on the identified corridors has been announced in the Rail Budget 2014-15. The corridors identified for introduction of semi high speed train are Delhi-Agra, Delhi-Chandigarh, Delhi-Kanpur, Nagpur-Bilaspur, Mysore-Bengaluru-Chennai, Mumbai-Goa, Mumbai-Ahmedabad, Chennai-Hyderabad & Nagpur-Secunderabad. All technical inputs required for running of commercial service at 160 kmph on New Delhi-Agra corridor have been given and the corridor is ready for introduction of such service. The feasibility study of speed raising on Chennai-Bangalore-Mysore corridor is being taken up under co-operation agreement with China.