

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1873  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018**

**HIGH SPEED CORRIDORS**

**1873. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:  
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Railways is planning to construct 10,000 km of new high speed corridors to run trains at the speed of 200-250 kmph to make inter-city travel faster;**
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has identified the corridors for high speed trains and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Union Government is working on to cut construction cost by less than half;**
- (d) if so, the mechanism adopted or proposed to be adopted in this regard; and**
- (e) the initiatives taken by the Union Government in the last couple of years to make passengers' train journey faster and smoother and the success achieved in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) to (d) : Government has identified six corridors on Diamond**

**of the country (Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai & Kolkata) for high speed rail connectivity viz : (i) Delhi-Mumbai, (ii) Mumbai-Chennai, (iii) Chennai-Kolkata, (iv) Kolkata-Delhi and both diagonals i.e. (v) Delhi-Chennai and (vi) Mumbai-Kolkata routes. However, High Speed Projects are highly capital and technology intensive, therefore, the sanction of High Speed Projects is subject to its technical feasibility, financial viability and availability of resources.**

**At present, Mumbai-Ahmedabad Rail corridor is the only High Speed Rail Project sanctioned in the Country. Reduction in the construction cost depends on the improvement in technology and experience gained during execution of the current sanctioned project.**

**(e) : Speeding-up of trains is a constant endeavour and continuous process on Indian Railways which is dependent on the constant optimization of the investments made by Railways in modernization of technology, high powered locos, modern coaches (LHB, air brake, CBC), improved signaling system and better tracks.**

**During the year 2017-18, 51 train services have been speeded up by more than one hour.**

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