### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2374 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2018

#### **BULLET TRAINS**

## 2374. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE: SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the time by when the bullet trains are likely to start running along with the original time scheduled for its running;
- (b) whether the Government has approved or is planning to approve any other bullet train project apart from the Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train project;
- (c) if so, the details of that project, amount of fund sanctioned, expenditure plan outlay and the time of completion for the said project; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **ANSWER**

### MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

### (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

- (a): In the feasibility report, the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project (MAHSR) completion was indicated as 2023. However, efforts are directed towards its completion in 2022.
- (b)&(c): At present, Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor is the only High Speed Rail Project sanctioned by the Government. In addition, Government has identified the following routes connecting four major metros and growth centers of the country for feasibility studies for high speed rail: (i) Delhi-Mumbai; (ii) Delhi-Kolkata; (iii) Mumbai-Chennai; (iv)

Delhi-Nagpur segment of Delhi-Chennai; (v) Mumbai-Nagpur segment of Mumbai-Kolkata; and (vi) Chennai-Bangaluru-Mysuru.

(d): 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.

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