

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1258**  
**ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022**

**ESTABLISHING HIGH SPEED AND SEMI HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECTS**

1258 SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways is planning to establish more High Speed and Semi High Speed Rail projects to cater to the growing need of the people for faster means of transportation in the coming future;
- (b) in which States the Railways have already started working on such projects and how many more such projects are planned at present;
- (c) the manner in which the Railways plan to meet the huge financial requirements for such project; and
- (d) the manner in which Railways is providing necessary assistance to Kerala for its SilverLine project, by when the same would be operational?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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(a) to (d): At present, the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project is the only sanctioned High Speed Rail project in the country which is being implemented with technical and financial assistance from Government of Japan. Further, the Survey and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the following seven (7) High Speed Rail (HSR) corridors has been undertaken:

- (i) Delhi - Varanasi
- (ii) Delhi - Ahmedabad
- (iii) Mumbai-Nagpur
- (iv) Mumbai -Hyderabad
- (v) Chennai - Bangalore - Mysore
- (vi) Delhi - Chandigarh - Amritsar
- (vii) Varanasi – Howrah

Further, the Government has given “in-principle” approval for pre-investment activity for the following two Semi High Speed Rail (SHSR) Projects:-

- (i) Thiruvananthapuram to Kasargod Semi High Speed Rail (SilverLine) Project on Standard Gauge; and
- (ii) Pune-Nasik Semi High Speed Rail Project on Broad Gauge Line.

Both the Semi High Speed Rail (SHSR) projects are to be executed by Joint Venture company naming Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) and Maharashtra Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (MRIDC) of the State Governments of Kerala and Maharashtra respectively.

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