

RAJYA SABHA
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HIGH SPEED RAIL CORRIDOR

318 SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a demand to build High Speed Rail corridor connecting Chennai, Coimbatore, Thoothukudi and Madurai to neighboring States, to boost the State economy;
- (b) if so, the response of the Union Government;
- (c) whether Government would examine the proposal and order for feasibility study and survey, considering reducing carbon footprint; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
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(a) to (d) : At present, Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project is the only sanctioned project of High Speed Rail in India which is under execution with technical and financial assistance from Government of Japan.

Further, the Ministry of Railways has undertaken the work for the survey/Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the following seven High Speed Rail (HSR) Corridor/Project:

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

Being highly capital intensive projects, the decision to sanction any HSR Corridor/Project depends on many factors such as outcome of DPR, techno-economic feasibility, availability of resources and financing options.