

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3504**  
**ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023**

**DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF BULLET TRAIN PROJECT**

3504 SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN:  
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that bullet train project was initially planned to be completed by 2023 but deadline for completion of project is likely to go beyond 2028;
- (b) if so, the detailed reasons for the delay in completion, if not, the time-frame for completion of the bullet train project between Ahmedabad and Mumbai; and
- (c) whether the cost of this high speed train project is likely to reach Rs 2 lakh crore by the time of its completion, which is much higher than estimated cost of Rs 108,000 crore, if so, details of the reasons for such increase in the project cost?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): In the Joint Feasibility Report for Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail corridor submitted by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in 2015, the completion was indicated as 2023. The execution of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project has been affected due to delay in land acquisition in the State of Maharashtra and consequent delays in finalization of contracts as well as adverse impact of COVID-19. The anticipated cost and timeline can be ascertained only after completion of land acquisition, finalization of all contracts and associated timelines

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