

RAJYA SABHA
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BULLET TRAIN PROJECT

1097 SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated cost of the bullet train project;
- (b) the proposed timeline to which the original time schedule for completion of bullet train; and
- (c) the revised time schedule estimated cost for completion of the project as on 30th June, 2023?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per Joint Feasibility Study report of 2015, the project cost of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Corridor was estimated as ₹ 1,08,000 Crore and completion period was indicated as 8 years. The timeline is also dependent on availability of land and site. The current status of the MAHSR Project is as under:

- Out of total land requirement of approx. 1389.5 ha. about 1381.9 ha. land acquired.
- All the civil contracts of the project has been awarded.
- The entire project has been divided into 28 Contract packages and 23 packages have been awarded.
- Total 248.64 km of foundation and 206.96 km of the pier have been completed, 95.4 km of Girder Casting have been done and 69.8 Km of Girder have been Launched (Superstructure).
- 1612 out of 1651 utilities shifted.
- Financial expenditure of ₹ 45,621.17 Crore have been incurred.

The delay in land acquisition especially in the State of Maharashtra has impacted the project. Out of total land requirement of approx. 430.45 ha., only about 196.19 ha. land was acquired till 2021. Thereafter, land acquisition gradually progressed which is now 429.53 ha. in June, 2023.

The anticipated timeline and final project cost can be ascertained only after completion of land acquisition and finalization of all contracts.