

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 77
ANSWERED ON 21/07/2025**

RRTS FOR OTHER URBAN REGIONS

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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) manner in which the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) effectively reduces travel time, improve regional integration, and contribute to employment generation;
- (b) whether Government has plans to replicate the RRTS model in other fast-growing urban regions outside the National Capital Region (NCR);
- (c) if so, details of such plans, including proposed locations and timelines;
- (d) whether Government of Gujarat has proposed or requested for the development of any RRTS corridors connecting major cities such as Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat or Rajkot; and
- (e) whether there are any feasibility studies or (DPRs) prepared for RRTS corridors in the State of Gujarat?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)**

- (a): National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC), the implementing agency for Namoo Bharat Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor has informed that Namoo Bharat RRTS corridor is a transformative infrastructure initiative that tackles multiple urban and regional challenges. Namoo Bharat trains are designed for high speed of 180 Km/h, with an operating speed of 160 Km/h and hence reduces travel time. Further, the Namoo Bharat corridor strengthens regional integration by seamlessly connecting key regional centres with the main hub through high-speed, reliable transit corridors. It further increases employment generation by creating large number of skilled and unskilled jobs.

- (b) & (c): 'Functional Plan on Transport for NCR-2032' prepared by National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) had recommended development of eight rail based high-speed, high-frequency Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridors to connect city centers of metropolitan and big cities, towns and urban areas. The eight recommended RRTS corridors are (i) Delhi-Gurugram-Rewari-Alwar (ii) Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut (iii) Delhi-Sonipat-Panipat (iv) Delhi-Faridabad-Ballabhgarh-Palwal (v) Delhi-Bahadurgarh-Rohtak (vi) Delhi-Shahdara-Baraut (vii) Ghaziabad-Khurja and (viii) Ghaziabad-Hapur. The erstwhile Planning Commission of India (now NITI Aayog) appointed Task Force under the chairmanship of Secretary, MoHUA (previously MoUD) and prioritized three RRTS corridors, namely, (i) Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut, (ii) Delhi-Gurugram-SNB and (iii) Delhi-Panipat.
- (d): No.
- (e): A feasibility report has been prepared for RRTS corridor between Ahmedabad and Dholera.
