

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 212
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016**

BULLET TRAIN PROJECT

212. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Bullet train project in the country;**
- (b) whether the Railways is also exploring the possibilities of tube trains;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the railways to make its Research and Development strong and at par with the world standard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project has been sanctioned in December, 2015 and National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRC) has been incorporated to implement Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project.

(b): No, Madam.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Upgradation of Research and Development (R&D) capabilities to keep pace with world standards is a continuous process.

Some of the important initiatives taken in this regard are:

(i) Technology Mission for Indian Railways (TMIR) has been set up as a consortium of Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Science & Technology and Industries, on an investment sharing model for taking up identified railway projects for applied research and use on Indian Railways.

(ii) Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO), the Research & Development wing of Indian Railways, has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Railway Technical Research Institute, Japan for joint research co-operation.

(iii) Centres for Railway Research (CRR) have been sanctioned at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)/Kharagpur, Mumbai University, IIT/Roorkee, IIT/Chennai and IIT/Kanpur to carry out research work in various areas.
