

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 73
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016**

HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT

73. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Joint Committee has held talks with Japanese authorities very recently regarding India's ambitious high speed rail project;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether India has requested for drawing up of a schedule of project implementation and appointment of a General Consultant before finalisation of the loan agreement for the said project; and**
- (d) if so, the response received from the Japanese authorities in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Third Joint Committee meeting under the chairmanship of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog was held with Japanese counterpart on 7th October, 2016 to review the progress of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Both Government of India and Government of Japan have agreed to the schedule of implementation of project and appointment of the General Consultant before finalisation of loan agreement.
