

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2268
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2017**

HIGH SPEED RAIL NETWORK

2268. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of high speed rail network in the country;**
- (b) the action being taken by the Railways to increase the existing speed of trains instead of starting high speed rail network;**
- (c) the number of such high speed rail networks proposed to be set up in the country; and**
- (d) to what extent this network would prove to be economically useful for the people of the country?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): At present, a high speed rail corridor between Mumbai-Ahmedabad has been sanctioned with financial and technical assistance from Government of Japan. National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRC) has been incorporated in February, 2016 to implement this project.

(b) & (c): Action to enhance speeds includes removal of level crossings, reduction of permanent speed restrictions, replacing loco hauled commuter trains with Main Line Electric Multiple Units

(MEMU)/Diesel Electric Multiple Units (DEMU) and introduction of faster train services at speeds of above 130 kmph, etc.

(d): The High Speed Rail corridors have proven to be economically useful as they enhance the capacity of the rail network, reduce congestion on roads, reduce pollution, enhance safety, enhance urbanization, reduce migration of people and develop new markets with enhancement of service industries, retail sector etc.
