### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2949 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2017

#### **TALGO TRAINS**

#### †2949. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK: SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a plan to run Talgo trains manufactured in Spain on the main routes of Railways;
- (b) if so, the details of the routes identified and preparations made by the Railways for this purpose;
- (c) the likely speed and proposed fare structure of the said trains;
- (d) whether any time limit has been prescribed to run these trains and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Railways has taken prior permission of Railway Security Commission for trial run of Talgo trains and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **ANSWER**

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): No decision has been taken by the Indian Railways (IR) to run Talgo trains manufactured in Spain.

- (b) to (d): Do not arise.
- (e): The prior approval for trial runs of Talgo trains on existing network of IR was taken by this Ministry as the trials were meant for limited purpose of assessing the transit time savings and not for certifying the maximum permissible speed of Talgo coaches. As per the extant provisions prior approval is obtained from Commissioner of Railway Safety for introduction of new stock in service on IR.

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