

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2972
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2017**

HIGH SPEED RAIL LINES

2972. DR. NARAMALLI SIVA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to construct high speed railway lines;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the proposals for setting up new lines between Bengaluru and Amravati; and**
- (c) the details of the progress of the project and the proposed timeline in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (c) : Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project has been sanctioned for implementation with technical and financial assistance of Government of Japan. National High Speed Rail

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Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) has been incorporated as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to undertake the implementation of this project. As per joint feasibility report, this project is targeted for commissioning in 2022-2023.

Rail connectivity already exists between Bengaluru and Vijayawada via Dharmavaram and Gooty as well as via Katpadi-Pakala-Tenali.

A new line project from Vijayawada to Guntur via Amravati (106 km) has been included in the Budget 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals.
