

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2980
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2017**

INCREASE IN SPEED OF TRAINS

2980. SHRI ARKA KESHARI DEO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Niti Aayog has approved Rs. 18000 crore of rupees recently for undertaking various works to increase the speed of trains in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details of the rail routes selected for upgradation so that high speed trains could run thereon;**
- (c) whether the Government has set any time limit in this regard; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Yes, Madam. NITI Aayog has supported two projects at an estimated cost of ₹ 18,163 crore for raising of speed to 160/200 kilometre per hour on existing corridors of Delhi-Mumbai (including Vadodara-Ahmedabad) and Delhi-Howrah (including Kanpur-Lucknow) in June 2017.

(b): The rail routes selected for speed upgradation are:

- **New Delhi-Mumbai route - 1483 route kms. (including Vadodara-Ahmedabad).**
- **New Delhi-Howrah route - 1525 route kms. (including Kanpur-Lucknow).**

(c) & (d): Time frame for operation of trains on upgraded corridors can be indicated only after the project is approved.
