

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1410
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

GOLDEN QUADRILATERAL

+ 1410. SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the golden quadrilateral railway route and two important railway routes of the country viz. Delhi-Chennai and Howrah-Mumbai which are only 16 per cent of total railway lines available in the country are managing to transport 56 per cent of goods and 52 per cent of passengers of total railway routes due to the slow running of passenger trains on those routes;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to increase speed on these routes; and

(c) the total average speed of all goods and passenger trains in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Yes, Madam. Principal routes of the Railways on Golden Quadrilateral along with diagonals (Delhi – Mumbai, Delhi – Howrah, Howrah – Chennai, Chennai – Mumbai, Delhi – Chennai and Howrah – Mumbai) carry about 58% of freight traffic and 52% of coaching traffic

with a share of approximately 15% of the network i.e. about 9100 Route kilometres.

(b): Two speed raising projects have been included in Pink Book 2017-18. The projects cover Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Howrah routes. The details are as under:-

- New Delhi-Mumbai Route (including Vadodara-Ahmedabad), 1483 Route km has an estimated cost of ₹ 11,189 crore. This route passes through seven States viz. Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi.**
- New Delhi-Howrah route (including Kanpur-Lucknow), 1525 Route kms has an estimated cost of ₹ 6974 crore. This route passes through five States viz. Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.**

(c): The total average speed in current year i.e. 2017-18 of all goods trains is 23.1 kmph and passenger trains is 44.4 kmph in the country upto October' 2017.
