

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2659
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018**

SEMI HIGH SPEED CORRIDORS

2659. DR. GOKARAJU GANGA RAJU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that German Railways will assist Indian Railways to make country's existing rail corridors semi-high speed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a joint declaration of intent was signed between Ministry of Railways and Germany regarding carrying out of feasibility study on existing 643 km Chennai-Kazipet corridor of Indian Railways by German Railways for increasing the speed of passenger trains to 200 kmph on 50:50 percent cost sharing basis;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether German Railways is likely to undertake more such projects for Indian Railways and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A Joint Declaration of Intent was signed on 10th October, 2017 at New Delhi between the Ministry of Railways of the

Republic of India and the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure of the Federal Republic of Germany for carrying out a feasibility study on the existing Chennai-Kazipet corridor of Indian Railways for upgrading the current passenger services to Semi High Speed (SHS) upto 200 kmph.

(c): The study shall be started after signing a separate Agreement between both the parties determining the final terms and conditions of the implementation of the feasibility study. The cost of the feasibility study shall be shared 50:50 percent by both the parties.

The terms and conditions of the Agreement, terms of reference & scope of the study and the cost of study are under discussion with the German side.

(d): No such project (Semi High Speed) on any other corridor of Indian Railways network other than Chennai-Kazipet corridor is being undertaken by German Railways.
