

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3073
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2018**

SPEED ON DELHI-HOWRAH ROUTE

3073. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that the average speed of trains is much less on Delhi-Howrah rail route than that on other very busy rail routes in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the remedial steps taken/being taken to cut running time of trains on the said route?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (c) No, Madam. Several high speed train like Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto Express presently run on the Delhi-Howrah rail route. Average speed of trains of Indian Railways vary and is dependent on factors like sectional speed, composition/type of rolling stock, number of stoppages enroute etc. Speeding up of trains, on various sectors of Indian Railways is a constant endeavour and continuous process on Indian Railways and is dependent on constant optimization of the investment made by Railways in modernization of technology, high power locos, modern coaches and better tracks. With a view to increasing speed of trains on Indian Railways, 'Mission Raftaar' has been announced in the Railway Budget 2016-17. The Mission envisages replacing slow moving conventional loco hauled passenger trains by MEMU/DEMUs. Twenty pairs of passenger trains have been identified for replacement on New Delhi-Howrah route. Ten pairs of conventional trains have been replaced by MEMU/DEMUs on this route.
