# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2754 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.07.2019

#### **IMPROVEMENT IN RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE**

### † 2754. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to bring in improvement in infrastructure, introduction of new high speed trains and increasing the speed of current trains in the objective of reducing travelling time between Delhi to Howrah and Delhi to Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said corrective measures are likely to be taken; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### ANSWER

## MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Two projects for raising of speed to 160 kilometer per hour (kmph) on existing corridors of New Delhi-Mumbai (Including Vadodara-Ahmedabad) and New Delhi-Howrah (including Kanpur-Lucknow) are under consideration.

Improvement in infrastructure includes upgradation in signalling system and safety improvement measures on the entire route of New Delhi-Mumbai and New Delhi-Howrah, which inter-alia provide for clamp type point Machines in the facing direction of train movement, elimination of level crossing gates, interlocking and track circuit changes in connection with closure of Level crossing gates, end to end fencing, Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system and Mobile Train Radio Communication (MTRC) system.

No time frame can be indicated at this stage before the projects are approved.

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