

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3613
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023**

NEW RAILWAY/HIGH SPEED TRAIN PROJECTS

**3613. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:
SHRI LALLU SINGH:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed any new railway/high-speed train projects during the last three years and the current year;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with targets and timelines for completion, State and zone-wise;**
- (c) the funds sanctioned and released for these high-speed train projects;**
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps for timely completion of these projects to prevent cost overruns;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (f) the details of Vande Bharat Trains sanctioned by the Government during the last three years along with the project implementation thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) to (e): No, Sir. Presently, Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project is the only sanctioned project of High Speed Rail in India which is under execution with technical and financial assistance from Government of Japan.

Further, Ministry of Railways has assigned the task of preparing Detailed Project Report (DPR) of following seven High Speed Rail

(HSR) Corridors to National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) :-

- i. Delhi – Varanasi**
- ii. Delhi - Ahmedabad**
- iii. Delhi - Amritsar**
- iv. Mumbai - Nagpur**
- v. Mumbai - Pune - Hyderabad**
- vi. Chennai - Bangalore - Mysore**
- vii. Varanasi - Howrah**

None of the above corridor is sanctioned as yet. High Speed Rail (HSR) projects are highly capital intensive projects, the decision to sanction any HSR Corridor/Project depends on many factors such as outcome of DPR, techno-economic feasibility, availability of resources and financing options.

(f):During the last three years 2020-21 to 2022-23 (upto 16th March), the following 08 pairs of Vande Bharat train services have been operationalised on the Indian Railways' network:-

- 1) 20901/20902 Mumbai Central - Gandhinagar Capital Express**
- 2) 22447/22448 New Delhi - Amb Andaura Express**
- 3) 20607/20608 MGR Chennai - Mysuru Express**
- 4) 20825/20826 Bilaspur - Nagpur Express**
- 5) 22301/22302 Howrah - New Jalpaiguri Express**
- 6) 20833/20834 Visakhapatnam - Secunderabad Express**
- 7) 22223/22224 CSMT - Sainagar Shirdi Express**
- 8) 22225/22226 Solapur - CSMT Express.**

These are in addition to the first two Vande Bharat services viz. 22435/22436 Varanasi- New Delhi Express and 22439/22440 New Delhi - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express which were operationalised during the calendar year 2019.