

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 986
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023**

MISSION RAFTAAR

**† 986. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:
SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Mission RAFTAAR across the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;**
- (c) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under the mission;**
- (d) the details of trains identified under the said mission;**
- (e) the details of the target fixed and achievements made so far under the said mission;**
- (f) whether the said mission is proved to have brought a marked improvement in the speed of trains across the country; and**
- (g) if so, the details thereof ?**

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Mission Raftaar was announced in the Railway Budget 2016-17 with the targets for doubling of average speed of freight trains and increasing the average speed of all non-suburban passenger trains. The State of Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh are being benefitted vis-à-vis upgradation of New Delhi – Mumbai & New Delhi – Howrah routes of the Golden Quadrilateral.

(c) and (d) Mission Raftaar is a 'Mission' and not a 'scheme/project(s)', therefore, allocation/utilization of funds cannot be quantified and identification of specific trains cannot be done.

(e) to (g) Speeding up of trains is a constant endeavour and a continuous process which is dependent on optimization of the investments made by Railways in modernization of technology, high powered locos, modern coaches and better tracks. To this end Indian Railways are inter alia proliferating Vande Bharat Trains which have higher speed potential, converting passenger trains operating with conventional coaches into Vande Metro type services (which have higher acceleration/deceleration owing to distributed power).

Indian Railway is constructing more than 3000 Km of Dedicated Freight Corridor(DFC), which would enable freight trains to run at speed of 100 kmph.
