

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3138

TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 21, 2023

OPERATIONS OF RAPID RAIL

No. 3138 : SHRI TAPIR GAO :

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the time by which the rapid rail is expected to commence its operations;**
- (b) the details of routes which are likely to be covered thereunder; and**
- (c) the proposed routes for the rapid rail in the future?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
(SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)**

(a) to (c): National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) prepared a 'Functional Plan on Transport for NCR-2032' which recommended eight Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridors to connect various important towns of NCR with high speed rail based commuter transit system in order to improve rail based connectivity in NCR, namely, (i) Delhi-Gurugram-Rewari-Alwar (ii) Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut (iii) Delhi-Sonipat-Panipat (iv) Delhi-Faridabad-Ballabgarh-Palwal (v) Delhi-Bahadurgarh-Rohtak (vi) Delhi-Shahdara-Baraut (vii) Ghaziabad-Khurja and (viii) Ghaziabad-Hapur.

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The Task Force appointed by the erstwhile Planning Commission of India (now NITI Aayog) had prioritized the following three RRTS corridors for implementation in Phase-I of RRTS:

- **Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut**
- **Delhi-Gurugram-Alwar**
- **Delhi-Panipat**

Out of the above three corridors, 82.15 Km Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor has already been sanctioned by the Central Government in March, 2019. The priority section of this corridor covering a length of 17 Km from Sahibabad to Duhai Depot in Uttar Pradesh has been inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 20.10.2023 and is currently under operation. The Physical progress of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor as on 30.11.2023 is 69.3%.
