

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 743
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

NEW RAILWAY TRACKS FOR HIGH SPEED TRAINS

†743 SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to replace the Indian Rail Network with new railway tracks and high speed trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any progress in this regard till date;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of new rail tracks being laid and the high speed trains being run in the country at present;

(f) whether the Government has fixed any time line to achieve the said target; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.743 BY SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY TRACKS FOR HIGH SPEED TRAINS

(a) to (g): Indian Railway Broad Gauge track has been classified in different groups based on future maximum permissible speeds as under:

- Group A: Speed upto 160 kmph.**
- Group B: Speed upto 130 kmph.**
- Group C: Suburban sections of Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata.**
- Group D: Speed upto 110 kmph.**

Trains are introduced at maximum permissible speed (MPS) based on the sectional speed of the section depending upon classification.

Works for raising of sectional speed to 160 kmph on existing New Delhi-Mumbai (incl. Vadodara-Ahmedabad) and New Delhi-Howrah (incl. Kanpur-Lucknow) routes have been taken up.

Presently, Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project of High Speed Rail in the country has been taken up with technical and financial assistance from Government of Japan. The MAHSR project is a green field standalone corridor. So far, 290.64 km of pier foundation, 267.48 km of pier construction, 150.97 km of Girder Casting and 119 km of Girder launching have been completed.
