

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2244  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020**

**HIGH SPEED CORRIDORS**

**2244. SHRI KHALILUR RAHAMAN:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the steps being taken to cut travel time of trains on major routes including Howrah-Delhi and Guwahati Sealdah;**
- (b) whether the Government has allocated funds for Mumbai-Delhi route for high speed corridor and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop new high speed corridors across the country; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) The Railways is undertaking measures for improving speed of both passenger and freight trains. Improvement in average speed of trains is a continuous exercise for Railways. Further, the Government in August 2019 has approved two projects for raising of speed to 160 Kmph on existing New Delhi-Mumbai (including Vadodara-Ahmedabad) and New Delhi-Howrah (including Kanpur-Lucknow) routes. In addition, the Railways have sanctioned a large number of capacity enhancement works over various zones which when commissioned, are bound to increase the speed of trains and cut travel time on various routes including Guwahati-Sealdah.**

**(b) to (d) No, Sir. At present, Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (HSR) corridor is the only HSR Project which is sanctioned and the same is under execution with the technical & financial cooperation from Government of Japan. Further, Ministry of Railways has decided to undertake Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the following six HSR corridors:**

**(i) Delhi – Noida – Agra – Kanpur – Lucknow- Varanasi (865 kms)**

**(ii) Delhi – Jaipur – Udaipur – Ahmedabad (886 kms)**

**(iii) Mumbai – Nasik – Nagpur (753 kms)**

**(iv) Mumbai – Pune – Hyderabad (711 kms)**

**(v) Chennai – Bangalore – Mysore (435 kms)**

**(vi) Delhi – Chandigarh – Ludhiana – Jalandhar – Amritsar (459 kms)**

**The work of undertaking DPR has been entrusted to National High Speed Rail Corporation Ltd. (NHSRCL).**

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