### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2668 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2021

#### **BULLET TRAIN**

#### **2668. DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that India's first bullet train project between Ahmedabad-Mumbai is being delayed due to various reasons and unable to complete the desired deadline in December, 2023;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the impediments and hardships being faced by the Government to complete the aforesaid bullet train project; and
- (d) the time by which the said project is expected to be completed and commercial train operation can be started?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): The Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project has suffered delay due to adverse impact of COVID-19 pandemic and due to poor progress in acquisition and handing over of land in the State of Maharashtra. The State Government of Maharashtra is being regularly followed up at all levels to expedite the acquisition of balance land. The revised timeline for completion of the project can be fixed after the acquisition of complete land in the State of Maharashtra.

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