

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 551
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022**

BULLET TRAIN PROJECT

551. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK (DEV):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the time by which the first train under the bullet train project is likely to become operational;**
- (b) the reasons for the delay of the bullet train project along with the original deadline fixed for starting the said project; and**
- (c) the details of the total cost escalation that occurred due to the delay in the project?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The execution of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) has been delayed especially due to delay in land acquisition in the State of Maharashtra and consequent delays in finalization of contracts as well as adverse impact of COVID-19. The anticipated cost increase and timeline can be ascertained only after completion of land acquisition, finalization of all contracts and associated timelines.
