GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1394 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024

BULLET TRAINS FROM MUMBAI TO AHMEDABAD

1394. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the manufacturing of bullet train from Mumbai to Ahmedabad was expected to be completed by the year 2022 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that only 30% of said project has been completed after a decade and the revised deadline is now year 2028 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the bullet train will become the biggest liability of India once it is completed and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also true that the initial cost estimation for the project was Rs.1.08 lakh crore for construction of 508 kms with 12 stops and was later revised to Rs.1.65 lakh crore and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also true that the project cost expected to be raised by Rs. 2 lakh crore more on completion totally amounting to Rs. 397 crore per km.; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): Presently construction is going on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project. The MAHSR Project is passing through the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli. The length of the project is 508 Km with 12 stations planned at Mumbai, Thane, Virar, Boisar, Vapi, Billimora, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Anand, Ahmedabad and Sabarmati. The sanctioned cost of the project is ₹1,08,000 Crore.

Entire land (1389.5 Ha) has been acquired for the project. Till now, 350 km of Pier Foundation, 316 km of Pier Construction, 221 km of Girder Casting and 190 km of Girder Launching have been completed. The work of undersea tunnel (approx. 21 Km) has also started.

Bullet train project is a very complex and technology intensive Project. Considering the highest level of safety and associated maintenance protocols, Bullet train project has been designed with the support of Japanese railway. It is customized for Indian requirements and climatic conditions. Timelines for the completion of the project can be reasonably ascertained after the completion of all associated works of Civil Structures, Track, Electrical, Signalling & Telecommunication and supply of Trainsets.

The execution of MAHSR Project is monitored/reviewed regularly.

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