# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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# UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2630 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

## SAFETY OF WORKFORCE AT CONSTRUCTION SITES OF MUMBAI-AHMEDABAD BULLET TRAIN PROJECT

### 2630. DR. HEMANT VISHNU SAVARA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is ensuring safety of workforce at construction sites of Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Nukkad Natak Prayas has started to raise awareness and educate workers about the importance of safety at construction sites of Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether this initiative is enough for safety initiative at construction site, details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): Presently construction is going on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project. This project is very complex and technology intensive. Considering the highest level of safety and associated maintenance protocols, the project has been designed with the support of Japanese Railway and customized for Indian requirements and climatic conditions.

For safety of the workforce at project construction sites, a Safety, Health and Environment Management Manual (SHE manual) has been developed

and all safety related guidelines are in place to ensure occupational health, safety and protection of the workforce. Regular inspections and supervision are also conducted at designated levels to monitor and ensure adherence of safety guidelines/norms at worksites.

Further, 50 nos. of Nukkad Natak have been arranged for construction workers at MAHSR Sites with an objective to raise awareness and sensitize workers about the safety practices at construction sites.

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