

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1066
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2016**

HIGH SPEED RAIL ROUTES

†1066. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether France has offered its assistance to construct high-speed rail-routes between Delhi-Ambala and Chandigarh so as to run trains at a speed of 200 km/h;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the average speed of trains running between Delhi-Ambala and Chandigarh-Kalka route at present;**
- (d) whether any technical expert team from France is likely to visit India to inspect rail routes between Delhi-Ambala-Chandigarh and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the estimated cost of this project?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): An agreement has been signed between Indian Railways and French Railways in December, 2015 for an execution study for upgrading the speeds of passenger trains on Delhi-Chandigarh section to 200 kmph on a 50:50 cost-sharing basis.

(c): The average speed of various types of passenger trains between Delhi-Ambala is as below-

- **Shatabdi Express – 71 kmph**
- **Superfast Express – 58 kmph**
- **Other Express Trains – 48 kmph**

The average speed of trains between Chandigarh – Kalka is about 47 kmph.

(d): A team of technical experts of French Railway (SNCF) have inspected Delhi-Ambala-Chandigarh section of Indian Railways from 19th January to 22nd January, 2016.

(e): The estimated cost of the execution study is ₹ 19,69,02,721/- without taxes.
